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GOVERNMENT ESCHEWS COMPULSION

London, To-day.

The motion tabled by the Government for consideration during the debate on December 20 on National Service, indicates that the Government is quite determined not to have a compulsory system of registration, says Reuter's lobby correspondent.

The motion reads:

"This House, recognising that the taking of measures to protect the lives and homes of the people at all times transcend in importance all party differences, welcomes the decision of the Government reply upon voluntary services for the people, but recommends that the results of the scheme for National Service proposed by the Government be reviewed by the House at the end of March."

REVIEW OF SYSTEM

There will be a review of the whole system shortly, adds the lobby correspondent.

The correspondent takes into account the substantial body of Ministerial back bench supporters who have already put down an amendment to the National Service plan, urging that there should be compulsory registration.—Reuter.

CANAL ACROSS FRANCE FROM MEDITERRANEAN

Paris, To-day.

It is expected that within three months work will start on the long-dreamed of project of a canal across France linking the Atlantic with the Mediterranean.

It is reported that agreement has been reached between British, French and Dutch interests for the necessary funds for the project.

The canal will be made by utilising existing canals and rivers, and will be wide enough for ocean-going steamers.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The cost of construction of the canal which would utilize the existing French network of canals between Bordeaux and La Nouvelle

Tientsin, To-day.

Many foreigners were considerably inconvenienced on Wednesday night as a result of a sudden order by the Japanese military authorities prohibiting among other things, movement of persons out of or into the French Concession.

The United States Consul-General, Mr. J. K. Caldwell, who was entertaining a party at a foreign club in the Italian Concession, had to invoke the help of the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Tanaka, in order to enable some of his guests to return to their homes in the French Concession.

It is understood that the Japanese military authorities intend to maintain and extend the restrictions indefinitely.

They will require all persons moving about in the daytime in most of the Japanese-controlled areas of Tientsin to present passports.

SPECIAL PASS

In addition, it is stated that those wishing to leave the ex-Russian Concession, where many fires have occurred in Japanese military depots in recent months, will be required to have a special pass and a Japanese escort.

Although ostensibly directed

ITALIAN PLAN OF EXPROPRIATION

Rome, To-day.

The new Italian regulations regarding Jewish land and property in Italy include methods by which the property will be expropriated.

A new department will be established to take over all Jewish land and property above certain values, and these will be disposed of and the excess funds will go into the State funds.—Reuter.

are estimated at about 80 million pounds. Completion of the project would not be possible before 1942.

The project would provide work for 100,000 men.—Trans-Ocean.

VOTE OF CENSURE

London, To-day.

On Dec. 19 the Labour opposition will move the following vote of censure:

"That this House has no confidence in the foreign policy of the Government."—Reuter.

CHAMBERLAIN ROME VISIT

Rome, To-day.

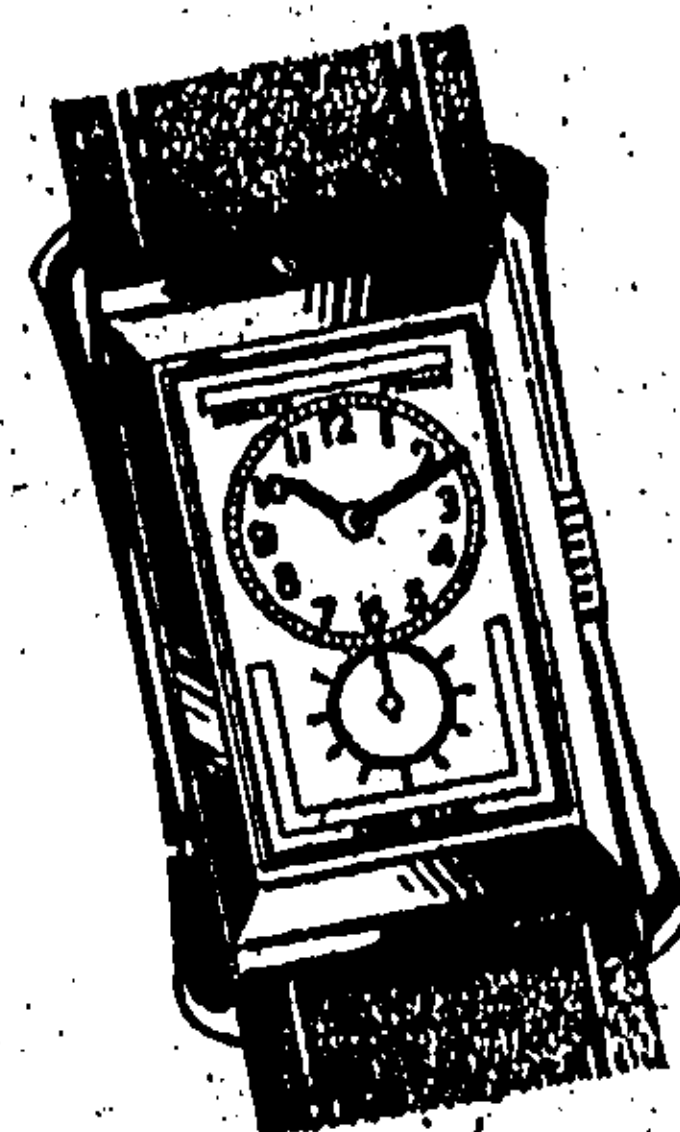
The British Ambassador, Lord Perth, visited the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, yesterday.

It is believed that details regarding the times of appointments in connection with the forthcoming visit of Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax were practically settled at the meeting.

Count Ciano is leaving for Budapest on Sunday, and will spend three days there.—Reuter.

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"MY STRUGGLE BEGINS"

Hitler's Own Story of the Nazi Rise

Hitler says "Terror in the workshop and the factory, at meetings and at mass demonstrations is always accompanied by success — so long as it is not met by an equally powerful force of counter-terror."

In Vienna before the war, Hitler himself had suffered intimidation from the Socialist trade union bosses. He did not so much hate them as despise the "dumb cowards" who bowed beneath it. Of course, it was good enough for them. The mind of the mass of the people, he says contemptuously in *Mein Kampf*, is not receptive of anything that savours of half-measures of weakness. Like a woman, they want to be dominated.

So Hitler's complaint against the Red dictatorship of the streets was simple: he was not the dictator. He determined to rectify that.

It was 1918. Four years of battle had rolled over the Western Front. Hitler, the Austrian volunteer who served in the ranks of the Bavarian army, was a corporal home on leave. The man who wrote of his years at the front "With pride and sorrow I think of the greatest and most unforgettable part of my life on earth," saw now with bitter shame the decay of the rear. He heard German soldiers boast of cowardice and scrimshanking. He felt sick. The black, rotting pestilence crept forward into the trenches themselves. **WHEN HITLER WENT BLIND**

On the night of October 13 Hitler's unit came under the drum-fire of British gas shells in front of Ypres. Near midnight a number of his comrades dropped out—some for ever. Pain scorched Hitler's eyes. About seven o'clock he tottered rearwards, blinded, reporting himself for the last time in the war. Darkness fell on him. During many days Hitler dwelt in night.

Then one morning sailors arrived in lorries calling on all to revolt. Cries Hitler scornfully, "A few Jewish youths were the leaders in the struggle for the 'freedom, beauty and dignity' of our national life. Not one of them had ever been to the front."

Ten days of agony and humiliation, and then the old pastor came

to the hospital to tell the whole terrible story. All was over. The Kaiser was in flight. The army was in rout. Four years of sacrifice, privation, starvation, thirst and wounds, of duty done of the death of two million Germans, all vain, all useless. "I blushed with burning age and shame. What was the pain in my eyes in comparison with this misery? Hatred rose in my heart I saw the abominable, depraved criminals who had delivered Germany to this! With Jews there is no bargaining—there is merely the hard 'Either—or.'"

"I resolved to become a politician."

Revolution swept Germany. The Socialists set up a Republic. It was accepted by the middle classes. When the Communists sought to carry through a second, bolshevik, revolution in Berlin the Socialist chiefs called in the Reichswehr, armed the ex-officers and shot down the rising.

In Bavaria Kurt Eisner seized power, set up a Soviet State. Berlin sent its victorious Pink Guard down to Munich. The Red Republic collapsed.

Hitler rejoined his unit, his eyes restored. He was sent to the reserve battalion. He became a "political instructor." He not only imparted official ideas to his comrades, he began to develop his own. In the course of his inquiries he attended, in the role of detective, the meeting of the "German Workers'



Hitler at a reunion of old fighters for the National Socialist cause. The celebration was held in the famous Munich beer cellar, from where the Storm Troops set out in 1923 to march on Berlin. The "putsch" failed and landed Hitler in gaol.

Party," grandiose designation of a group of six, one of the thousand splinters of political opinion.

In the course of the meeting one of the speakers, "a professor," rose to speak. He advocated the secession of Bavaria from the German Reich, arguing that then Bavaria-Austria could be created and a better peace secured from the Allies.

Thereupon "the detective" leapt to his feet and lashed the unfortunate orator so savagely that "the chairman ran out of the building like a drenched poodle before I had done." The Committee asked him to join.

This did not quite suit Hitler, who wanted no ready-made party, but one of his own. Curiosity, however, was too strong. He attended the next meeting, and as he sat there he reasoned: This absurd little group may be the start after all. The smaller the thing now the sooner it can be whipped into shape. It is still possible to fix its character, aim and method. The older parties are too big, too rigid.

Two days more of agonised meditation and fierce heart searching, and Hitler was ready. They sent him a ticket "Number Seven," and the Nazi Party was born.

Nobody had ever heard of Hitler, his colleagues or the "German Workers' Party." They tried desperately once a month, and then once a fortnight, to hold a meeting. The invitations were typed out by A. Hitler. He tells how he delivered 80 of them round the town. The party then sat back and waited for the crowds to appear. After putting off the opening for an hour the chairman was obliged to start proceedings. The audience consisted of the original seven members. "We poor devils subscribed what we had," says Hitler, and they advertised in the newspapers. This time 111 turned up. Hitler spoke second. He proved to himself what he had instinctively believed—that he could speak. After half an hour the audience were cheering. Better, they subscribed 800 marks. The advance on the citadel had begun.

"THE AGITATOR WITH GUTS"

Before long Hitler had taken over the duties of secretary and organiser. Before much longer he had annexed the office of chairman. He did it because he lived every moment of his waking life for this business alone. Food and sleep were a matter of indifference, even contempt. He felt the same sentiment towards most of his colleagues, vague, woolly, hesitant.

Still more did he scorn those who offered help as "silent sympathisers." What scum! Hitler meant to be violent, for only by counter-violence could he overcome the violence

of the enemy. Why, if a man sees evil he must stand up and work openly for its cure, not work "silently!" If he fails in this he is a weakling, cowardly, or lazy, or merely incapable, in any case despicable. But there you are, that is how "silent workers" always react, as though they knew God knows what.

"Every agitator with the guts to stand up to his opponents in the tavern and defend his views boldly does more than a thousand of such sneaking insidious hypocrites!"

So out on to the streets! One year after Hitler took over the management of the German Workers' Party the first mass meeting was held. Naturally the name infuriated the Marxists, who claimed that they alone could speak for the workers. So Hitler further improved on matters, re-naming it the National-Socialist German Workers' Party.

The mass meeting was Hitler's weapon. He was the genius-agitator who saw that the spoken word far outstripped the written propaganda. The orator could get AT his crowd. He could shift, adapt, develop, point his arguments in accordance with their mood. And he could receive back from them the great waves of mass emotion which he would subsequently re-emit.

Hitler spoke now once a week. He thundered about the lie of War Guilt, denounced Versailles, demanded the heads of the "criminals of November" who had betrayed the fighting troops, the eternal valiant steel helmets, and signed a slave peace. "Violent methods of speech were found suitable, and indeed necessary."

Steadily he grew in power and stature as an orator, acquiring force and pathos, gesture and understanding. The audience heard always the same play, but how superbly did the actor vary the interpretation! And they drew comfort and a sense of comradeship from sitting or standing packed close together. They submitted themselves to the magic of mass suggestion. They left the meeting fortified in heart, their doubts cast away.

DEMOCRATS LIKE BORED CARD PARTIES

Haw! Haw! Did you ever attend a meeting of the democratic parties? Look at them, jeers Hitler. They resemble rather a bored card party than a gathering of people who have just put through a great revolution. They declaim—or read their clever, clever speeches, avoiding all vigorous expression. Here and there a feeble professional joke is dragged in, at which the gentlemen on the platform dutifully guffaw—not loudly, but encouragingly, with gentlemanly reserve. The whole audience dozes in a trance, with

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What The Stars Foretell

(By MARY BLAKE)

A peculiar urge to appear mysterious may cause many a person to seem very foolish to their friends this day. Hidden meanings and incomprehensible phrases will bring upon those guilty of them, a great amount of unfriendly criticism. A willingness to give and take is apt to prove helpful in both domestic and business circles. It may pay to try to be complementary rather than supercilious or overly critical regarding other people's efforts. There is danger of your taking to heart some comment made in fun, so try not to be too sensitive. Many an absurdity will occur this day simply by the average person reasoning in a circle, that will result in a "lame and important conclusion." Married and engaged couples, as well as those who find themselves sincerely in love, must guard against doing anything that might be construed as undignified, if quarrels are to be avoided.

If a woman and December 17 is your birthday, you ought to be very graceful, lightfooted and have plenty of self-possession. You may have the virtue of remaining silent unless you have something worthwhile or kind to say. You are likely to discover, right under your nose, the opportunity you have been looking for far afield. You might have a decided aversion to publicity, preferring to do things quietly. You perhaps depend too much on the judgment of other people, so it might be well for you to use your own more frequently. Through writing, teaching, music, painting, acting, selling or some business of your own you may find yourself safely on the road to prosperity. Your experiences as a .. (Continued in Next Column.)

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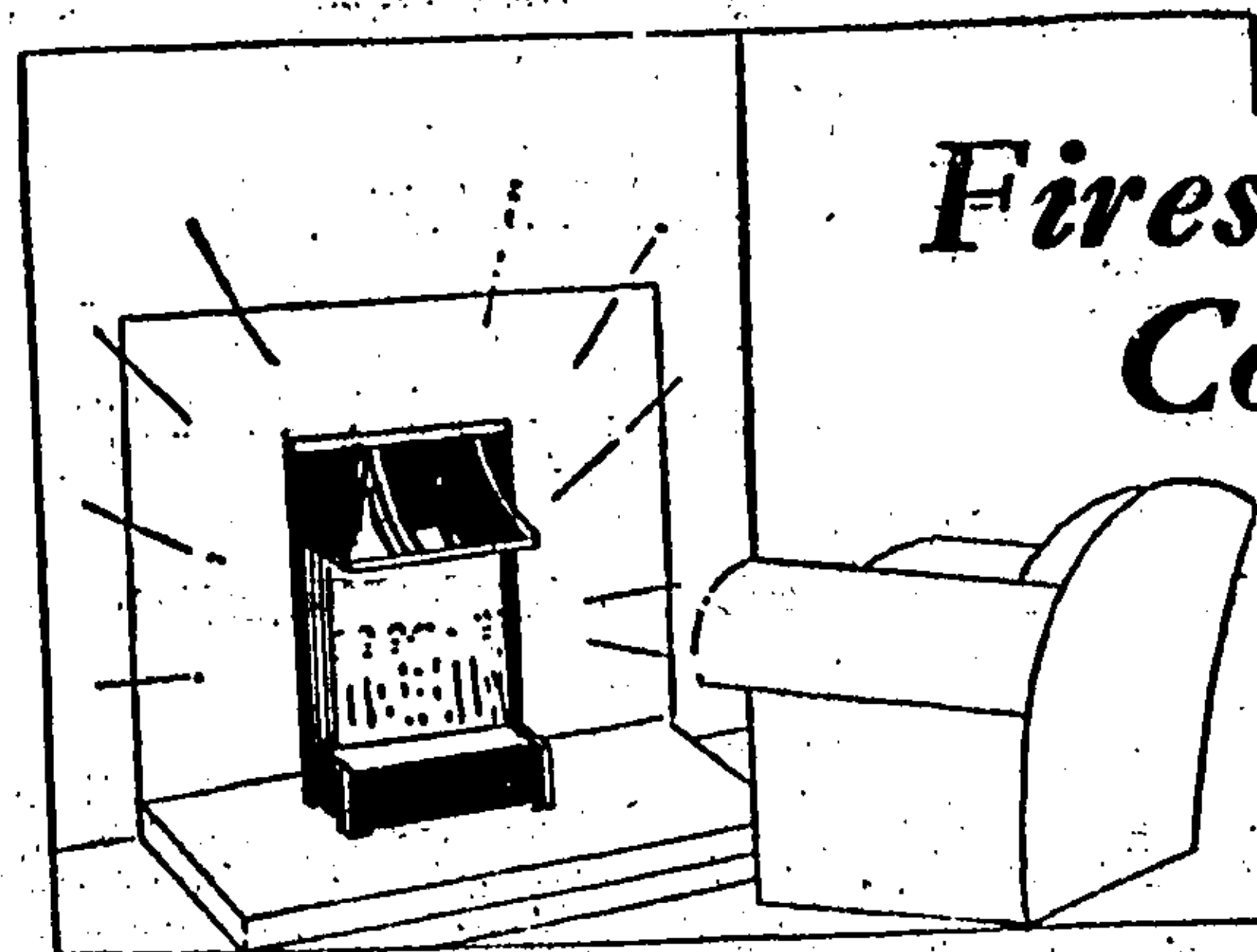
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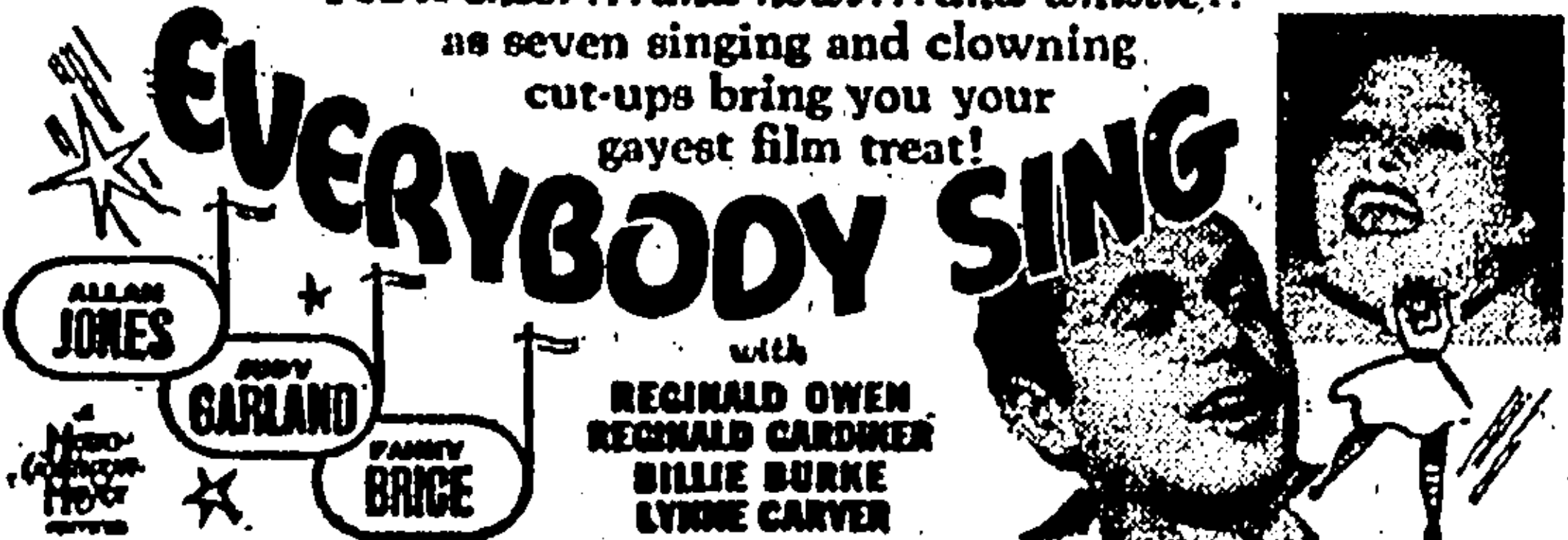
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Chungking, To-day.

"What is happening in the Orient to-day will have a profound effect on the history of the world," declared M. Marc Chadbourne, the well-known French writer and student of Pacific affairs, in an interview with Reuter's correspondent on his arrival at Chungking yesterday.

M. Chadbourne has come here to carry out a prolonged examination of events in the Far East and to collect material for his third book on Far Eastern affairs.

M. Chadbourne said: "Events are pushing on so rapidly in this part of the globe that one must see them firsthand in order to evaluate their significance."

"I am amazed at the change wrought in China since my last visit."

CHUNGKING'S CHANGE

"Chungking has so altered that I couldn't recognise it. Where ten years ago there was a typical Chinese provincial town there is now a practically modern city."

"On my last visit I took a photograph on the site of the present French Embassy—I snapped open countryside. Now from the same spot one sees a vista of fine modern buildings as far as the eye can travel."—Reuter.

and forever reflected. These ideas range from the infinitesimal to infinity, and the highest ideas are the sons and daughters of God.

"Mind, not matter, is the creator. Love, the divine Principle, is the Father and Mother of the universe including man". (Pages 502 & 256)

ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Golden Text will be:—"Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. Mine hand also hath laid the foundations of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens". (Isiah 48: 12, 13)

Among the others the following citations will be read from the Bible:—"And God said, Let there be light, and there was light. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Genesis 1: 3, 26, 27)

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:—"The universe reflects God. There is but one creator and one creation. This creation consists of the unfolding of spiritual ideas and their identities, which are embraced in the infinite Mind

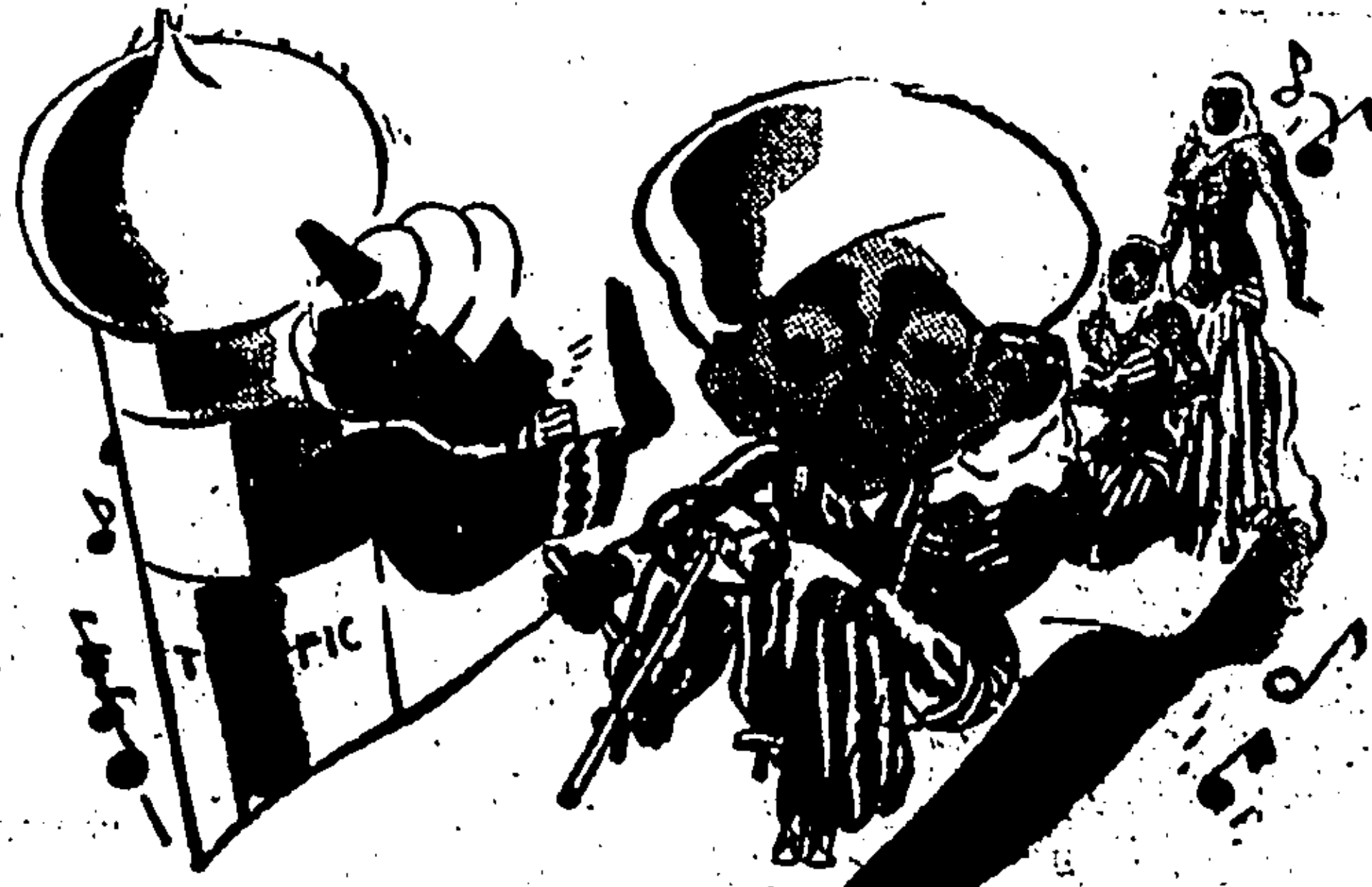
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WINTER SPORTS IN LONDON. One of the most interesting personalities for the "winter sports" which open at Earls Court next month is Prince Poking Fire, son of an Iroquois Red Indian Chief. He is a champion snow-shoe hurdler and racer, and has brought his full native dress with him. Photo shows Prince Poking Fire practising jumping exercises outside Earls Court.

JEWELS POUR IN FOR REFUGEES: ONE WOMAN SENDS PIANO

Thousands of pounds worth of gold, silver and jewels lie heaped in a glittering pile in an office in Southampton-row, London, waiting to be turned into land.

Necklaces of pearls, amber and ivory; sapphire and emerald brooches; antique silver heirlooms; wedding rings and the contents of children's money-boxes. These are some of the treasures already sent to 18-year-old Lady Fitzgerald's Golden Sacrifice Appeal, which is to settle Jewish refugees on land in Palestine.

Among the 10,000 articles received are 200 wedding rings, 600 Jewish silver wine cups, and more than 500 candle-sticks.

SILVER BRICKS

An old German silver canteen, once the property of Princess Mary of Wurttemberg, Queen Mary's aunt, stands beside a silver baby-feeder, dating back to 1659.

A pile of solid silver bricks represents more than 2,000 ounces of the less valuable silver articles which have been melted down. One post brought a contribution of 1s. 6d. from an old woman in the

East End of London, with the message: "When my son gets work I'll send you more." An unregistered envelope contained an anonymous £100 note issued in 1900, still crisp and uncreased.

A tiny unset diamond comes from a small girl, with the explanation that it was given her on her 12th birthday—her first present of value.

An 11-year-old boy has sent the contents of his savings box. Girls from a London clothing factory write to say: "We have no jewels, but here is 18s. we have collected."

Many of the contributions represent almost the last article of any value their owners possessed. Among these are a bracelet and earrings from a 60-year-old woman who had been unemployed for five years, a set of gold-filled false teeth from a woman of 80, and three silver spoons from a woman who was penniless.

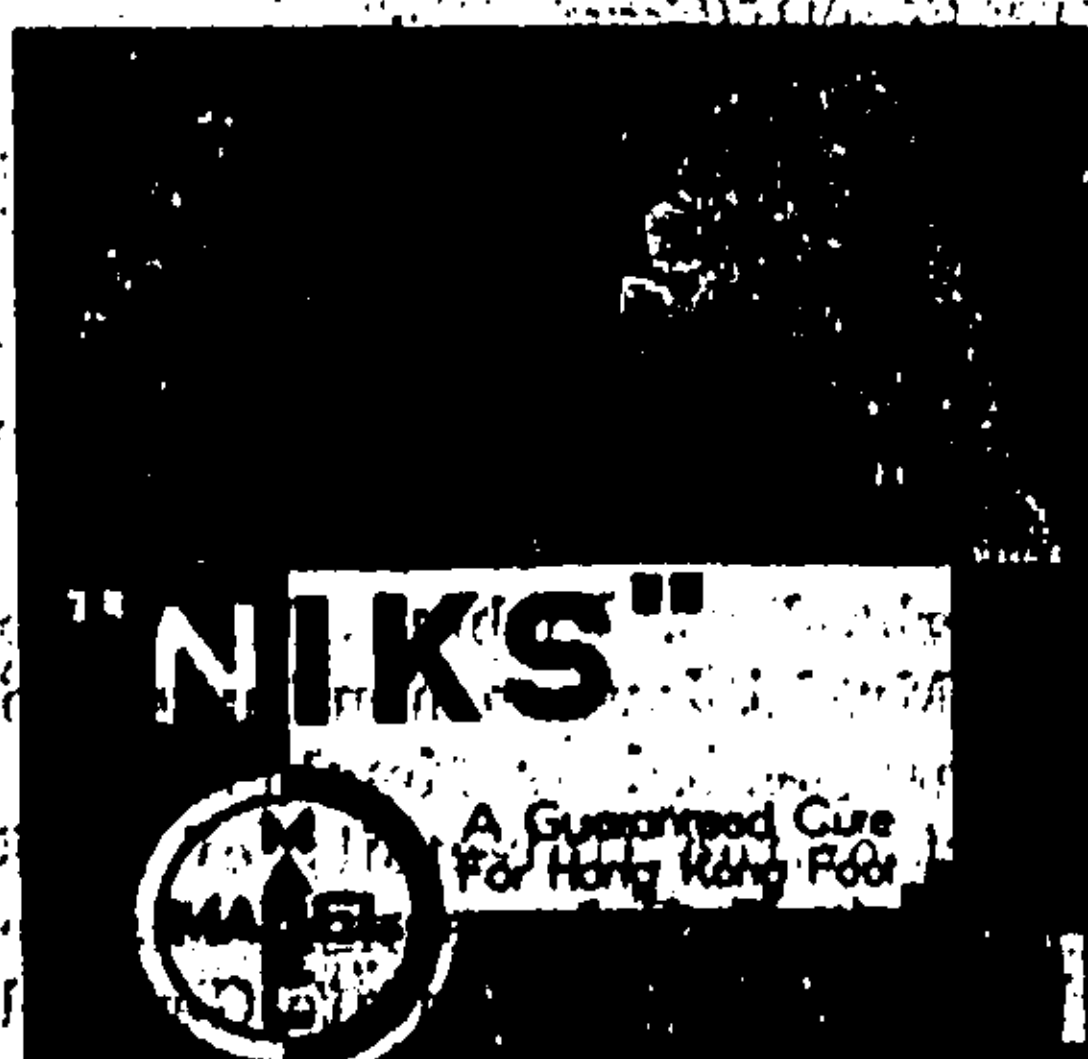
Two pounds came from a woman whose husband was lying seriously ill — one pound was from her, and the other was sent by the non-Jewish nurse attending the sick man.

Another woman visited the collecting centre, silently pulled off her valuable diamond ring, and placed it on the table and left without a word.

Lady Fitzgerald's own gifts include her engagement ring, an antique jewel box and a snake bracelet given her when she was 12 years old.

"I have no jewels, but will you please accept my piano instead," wrote one woman.

Many who send gifts explain that they are non-Jews, but realise the desperate position in which the Jews are finding themselves.



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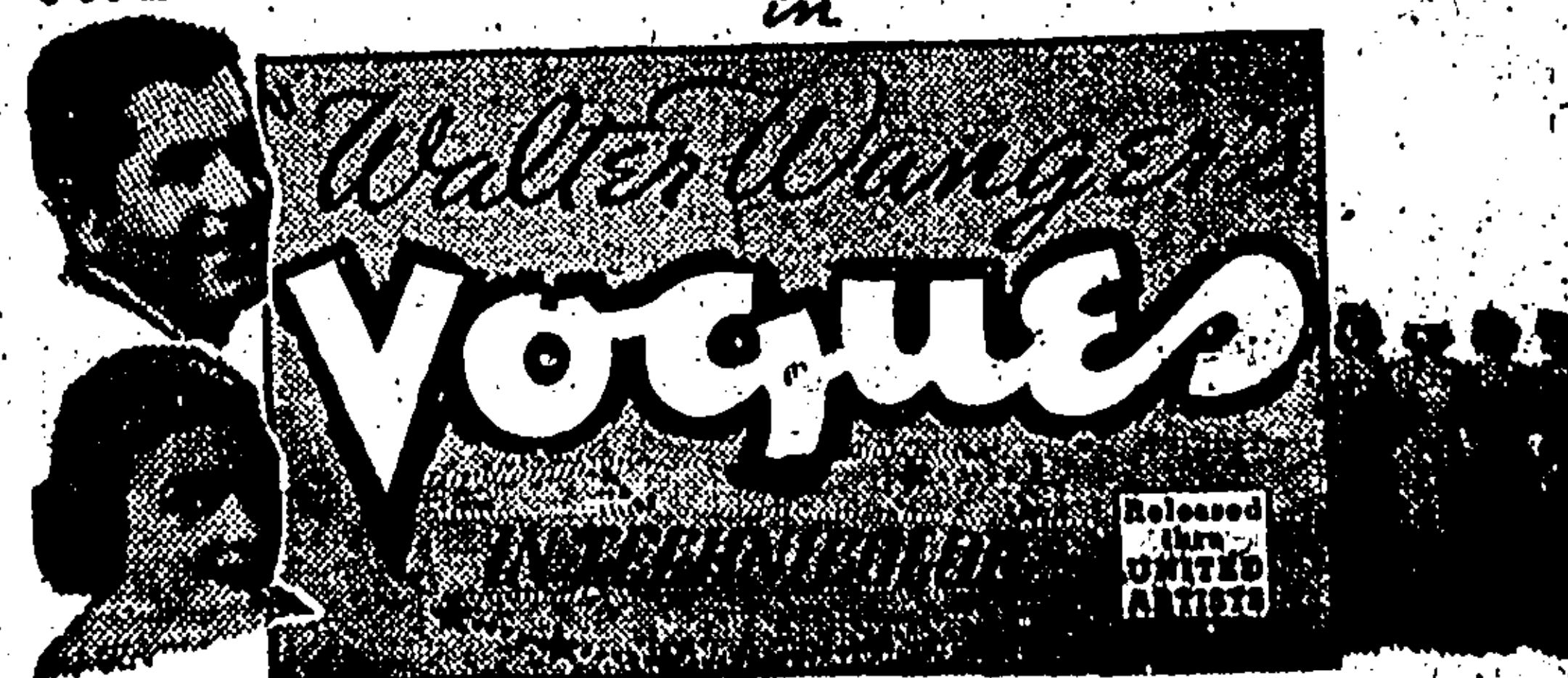
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New York, To-day.

The United States has presented a draft treaty embodying eight separate inter-American peace pacts to the Pan American Conference at Lima, it is reported here.

But the main fact of interest to New York observers is that the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, has not yet submitted any proposals which might arouse or consolidate opposition.

Particularly he has forwarded nothing in the nature of a plan for a "United American Front" declaration, or for establishment of machinery for pan-American consultations in the event of external aggression.

All proposals must be filed with the steering committee before to-morrow (Sunday), and consequently it is suggested in some quarters that Argentina has already successfully defeated American hopes for a pact establishing definite commitments in the case of foreign intervention.—Reuter.

MEDIATION PLAN FOR SPAIN

Lima, To-day.

The Cuban delegate to the Pan-American Conference, Senor Martinex Praga, has drafted a plan suggesting in general terms the idea of mediation in Spain.

The plan must first go through the agenda commission of the Conference.—Reuter.

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CARDINAL HINSLEY AND PALESTINE

London, To-day.

Cardinal Hinsley, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, speaking at a luncheon to inaugurate a united Christian effort for peace in the Holy Land, expressed deep sympathy for the Arabs.

Cardinal Hinsley added that the Government had done an immense amount of good since they were entrusted with the Palestine mandate, but he observed that if they touched the language of the land of any people, they struck at the most sensitive and vital parts of its organisation, and the land of the Arabs belonged to the Arabs.

The primary principle for colonising or mandatory powers was the well-being of the people.

Commercial interests were secondary and unimportant compared with the well-being of those given into their charge.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL "GAZETTE"

The following appointments, etc. are gazetted:—

Mr. C. J. Roe to act as Secretary to the Urban Council.

Mr. H. V. Wilkinson to be a Member of the Court of the University of Hong Kong.

Right Rev. Bishop H. Vallarta and Mr. L. Jowson nominated for a further period as Members of the Court of the University of H. K.

Mr. A. Tajiri assumed charge of the Japanese Consulate-General at Hong Kong.

BRITISH CREDITS TO CHINA FOR THE BURMA RAILWAY

Negotiations Progressing Very Favourably

New Bill Being Rushing Through Parliament

London, To-day.

Reuter understands that the negotiations for extending British credits to China are progressing very favourably.

It is hoped they will be satisfactorily concluded by the time the new Export Credit Extension Bill, now being rushed through Parliament, becomes law.

Amount of the proposed credits to China is not specified, but it is understood it will be chiefly devoted to purchase of railway material.

Continued Japanese press agitation over the passage of commodities through China's various "back doors," is regarded calmly here.

Diplomatic circles point out that officially there is no war between China and Japan.

The Japanese invariably talk of the "China Incident," and hence no question of neutrality arises.

JAPAN EQUALLY FREE

Japan is as equally free to buy requirements abroad as China.

Christmas shopping sees redoubled efforts by various organisations endeavouring to boycott Japanese goods.

Several London stores have privately intimated that they are not stocking Japanese toys.

MANCHESTER PARADE

A monster parade to-day in Manchester's chief shopping centre will urge the public not to buy Japanese goods.

It is expected that stores selling Japanese goods will be picketed.

The China Campaign Committee's collection for the International Peace Hospital is now £1,500. — Reuter.

Britain's loan of ten million pounds will be for purpose of constructing a railway between Hsiangkwei and the Burma frontier. Construction is to be financed entirely by British interests, assisted by the Export Credit Department.

Part of the loan is to be used for the railway and the balance for the purchase of rolling stock.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. ECONOMIC PROPOSALS AT LIMA

Lima, To-day.

The economic proposals which the United States is placing before the Pan-American Conference were published yesterday.

Comprising eight chapters they do not deal specially with the lowering of customs barriers, as the principle that each country should work for greater freedom in exchanges has already been accepted. — Reuter.

MR. KENNEDY "ALL HET UP" ABOUT POGROM

New York, To-day.

Mr. Joseph Kennedy, United States Ambassador to Britain, who has returned to consult with President Roosevelt, told the press on arrival here yesterday that he is not particularly optimistic about affairs in Europe.

Mr. Kennedy also, according to the "New York Herald-Tribune," referred to Germany's anti-Jewish campaign as follows:

"It is the most terrible thing I have ever heard of."

"I will probably lose my job for saying it but let me remind you that I am only sharing the sentiments of our President."

Mr. Kennedy denied reports that he had brought a tentative War Debt offer from Britain, and added: "I have never even discussed the subject with British officials." — Reuter.

FRENCH WANT TO STAY OUT

London, To-day.

The political correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" says that two financial experts representing the French Embassy were taking part in the negotiations for the loan which should be jointly guaranteed by Britain and France.

The Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Daily Herald" revealed that the negotiations were making no progress whatsoever and said that the difficulties were due to the fact that the French are disinclined to take part in the joint guarantee for the loan.—Trans-Ocean.

SIAM'S PREMIER

Bangkok, To-day.

Pibul Songgram, Minister of Defence, has been appointed Premier by the Siamese Council of Regency. — Reuter.

LOAN TALKS STOPPED

London, To-day.

The Anglo-Czechoslovak loan negotiations have been temporarily interrupted, the Czech delegates leaving for Prague yesterday afternoon to consult their Government.

However, the conversations will be resumed in London after Christmas.—Reuter.

WILD WEATHER STILL STOPS LIGHTHOUSE RELIEF SHIP

LONDON, TO-DAY.

FOR THE SIXTH SUCCESSIVE DAY GREAT EFFORTS WERE MADE TO BRING ASHORE THE KEEPER OF THE EDDYSTONE LIGHTHOUSE, WHO HAS BEEN ILL FOR A WEEK.

After fighting heavy seas for eleven hours, a Trinity House tender returned to Plymouth reporting another failure.

Signals exchanged with the other keepers indicated that the Eddystone keeper had had a more comfortable night.

Another keeper lay ill in the South Bishop Lighthouse, off Pembrokeshire, for four days while fellow keepers endeavoured unsuccessfully to establish contact with the shore.

The man's plight was finally reported and a Trinity House tender, battling with heavy seas, succeeded in getting the keeper ashore.—Reuter.

BELLIGERENT RIGHTS: FRENCH ATTITUDE

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE QUESTION OF GEN. FRANCO'S CLAIM TO BELLIGERENT RIGHTS WAS RAISED IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE FRENCH SENATE YESTERDAY BY M. PIERRE LAVAL, FORMER PREMIER.

M. Georges Bonnet, the Foreign Minister, replied that the French Government stood by the London agreement which provided that these rights be only granted under conditions not yet fulfilled.

The discussion which followed suggested that while some members favoured appointment of an Agent at Burgos, the committee was opposed to any solution which, as one member said, would give Italy the keys to the Mediterranean. — Reuter.

VOORTREKKER CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Voortrekkerstad (Pretoria).

To-day.

The four-day voortrekker centenary celebrations reached a climax yesterday when the foundation stone of the memorial to commemorate the Great Trek of 1938, when the Dutch settlers left the Cape to escape British rule, was laid here by three women descendants of voortrekker leaders.

A crowd of 200,000 participated in the ceremony.

Messages from Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands and Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, British Dominions and Colonial Secretary, were read.

The Queen's message expressed the hope that the celebrations would give new ties to the old bonds between the Union and the Netherlands.

Mr. Macdonald's message expressed admiration for the courage and endurance displayed by the voortrekkers in their historical enterprise. — Reuter.

HITLER MAKES CRYPTIC COMMENT

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler yesterday afternoon received the new Chinese Ambassador to Germany, Mr. Chien Chieh, who presented his credentials.

Mr. Chien Chieh earlier had been requested to remove certain passages referring to Japan from his address to Hitler.

Hitler's reception of the Ambassador removes a Chinese complaint of several weeks standing, as previously the Fuehrer had refused to see him.

MR. CHEN CHIEH'S APPEAL

An appeal for closer Sino-German relations was made by Mr. Chien Chieh when he addressed Hitler on the occasion of presenting his credentials.

Mr. Chien Chieh said: "The friendly relations of our two countries have already a firm historic foundation, and since the Chinese National Government came to power they were extended, especially in the field of commerce."

"German imports into China advanced into second position in recent years. China, possessing a wealth of raw materials and Germany possessing scientific and technical experience, can well complement each other."

Mr. Chien Chieh declared that culturally also the two nations should draw nearer.

Hitler, replying, said he too saw the possibilities of extending commercial relations between the two countries. — Reuter.

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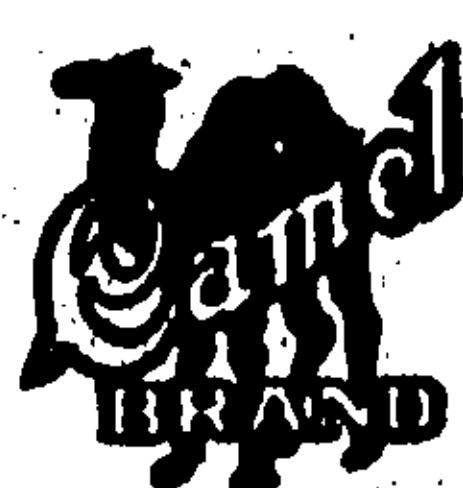
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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

Impulsive Romance

THEY had been children together. They first met in dancing school at the age of six. Later they attended the same grammar school. When Lon was a college senior, Celina was a sophomore. Their acquaintance was casual. They were then not what one would call close friends. They saw each other only once or twice during summer vacations for almost seven years.

When Lon got his degree he looked for a job with a Philadelphia mining engineering concern and got one. He used to drive back and forth from Riverside in his coupe.

One day he saw a girl hurrying toward the railroad station, and recognized Celina. He stopped and asked her if she would like a ride into the city.

Celina was twenty-one then. She had outgrown the rather awkward scrawny of her childhood. He was amazed at the transition that had taken place.

She told him she was private secretary to a junior partner in a law firm. He asked her why she didn't discon-

tinues anyhow? And what did she expect a man to do? Throw his job overboard and say, "Come on, Toots, we're off to the South Seas and to hell with the consequences? Fine thing, all right, but when you work three years trying to establish yourself in your chosen field, it wasn't easy. If he had thought about it at all he would have favored the idea of an engagement, a simple ceremony and a relaxing honeymoon at the seashore.

It was a most discouraging outlook, and the unfortunate part was that now he knew how Celina felt, he loved her more and wanted her more than ever before. He found himself in a quandary, groping hopelessly. Then on Monday of the next week Mr. Deering, president of the firm for which Tom worked, called him into the office.

"Lon, there's an opening for a young and ambitious man down in South America, representing our firm. If you'd like the chance, you can have it. You'll have to decide now. The boat sails at seven to-night. How about it?"

"I'll take it!" cried Lon, before he

By Barbara Ann Benedict

tinued riding in on the train and let him drive her each morning. She had to accept; there was no reason for her to refuse.

So it became a habit. They found much of common interest. Each considered the other an old, old friend. They talked of everything from books and drama to war and philosophy. Occasionally they talked of love. They studiously kept all remarks impersonal, exchanging views with the freedom of two old friends.

"Of course," Celina told him, laughing, "I have my ideas on love. Real love. It happens the minute a boy and girl see each other. All other love is false, for it is the type that is the result of effort."

"Well, well!" declared Lon. "Recognition of this love at first sight," continued Celina, her face now serious, "gives birth to impulse. And impulse is the only means of getting a genuine thrill out of courtship."

"Be kind enough to elucidate," urged Lon.

"Well, it's like this: Cut and dried, matter-of-fact courtships and marriages rob love of its glamour. I mean, if things happen quick and fast, without forethought and prearranged plans, there's an undeniable kick in it. Soon enough a newly married couple have to settle down to the accepted routines and patterns of life. Why deprive them of the cherished memories of a glamorous courtship?"

"It's O.K., by me," Lon assured her. Curiously, during that day and the few days that followed, Lon was depressed. He didn't dare analyze his feelings. But he knew without analyzing. He knew that he had fallen in love with Celina Cook, and now that he had become cognizant of her theories about this and that, he felt that he didn't measure up. Good night! He had known her since she was knee high to a stunted duck. Did she think he should have declared ardent love to her then? Apparently, according to her ideas on this love at first sight business?

And this business of impulse, of doing things quick and fast and getting a kick out of it and then settling down to accepted patterns and routine. Lord! What were accepted patterns and rou-

tinues anyhow? And what did she expect a man to do? Throw his job overboard and say, "Come on, Toots, we're off to the South Seas and to hell with the consequences? Fine thing, all right, but when you work three years trying to establish yourself in your chosen field, it wasn't easy. If he had thought about it at all he would have favored the idea of an engagement, a simple ceremony and a relaxing honeymoon at the seashore.

"Splendid! It's a fine chance. Go home and pack your things. I'll make your reservations."

Lon didn't think of Celina till he was half way down in the elevator. A terribly depressed feeling assailed him. This meant he'd probably never see her again. It meant that while he was gone some adventurous youth would come along and—Lon's train of thought suddenly stopped and began again along new channels.

Celina was just closing her desk preparatory to going to lunch when a wild-eyed youth whom she recognized as Lon Cabot burst into her office.

"Look, all that stuff you were telling me about impulse, about things happening quick and fast—you meant it didn't you?"

"Why, yes, Lon, but—" Startled, she stared at him in wide-eyed wonder.

"Good! Swell! Look, I'm in love with you, see! I've been in love with you since you were six. Now, look, I'm leaving for South America at seven o'clock to-night. You'll have time to pack. And this is the opportunity you've talked about. I mean, here's your chance to chuck your job and get a bang out of impulsive romance. How about it?"

Celina glanced at her watch, then at Lon. Her eyes were sparkling. "Darling! To think that if you hadn't been given this opportunity you might never have proposed. Oh, you sweet, handsome, romantic dumbbell, I'll be at the dock at six!"

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JEKYLL AND HYDE IN AMERICAN BUSINESS

Startling Revelations Follow Drug King Suicide

President Of Big Corporation An Ex-Convict

New York, To-day.

What is alleged to be an astonishing case of a Jekyll and Hyde personality was brought to a startling climax yesterday when Donald Coster, known as the "Drug King," shot and killed himself in a country mansion at Fairfield, Connecticut.

Coster was president of the vast McKesson, Robbins Drug Corporation, the third largest drug corporation in the world, which filed a voluntary petition for reorganisation on Dec. 8.

It is now declared that Coster was an ex-convict. His suicide followed a week of amazing developments.

It is alleged that the Corporation's crude drugs department was built up with \$18,000,000 of fictitious assets.

The Federal authorities on Tuesday this week ordered the arrest of Coster, together with the Corporation's assistant treasurer, Dietrich, and the Canadian manager, Vernard, on a charge of filing false financial statements.

PUBLIC STUNNED

Police investigation and finger prints officially revealed to stunned Wall Street and Society circles that Coster was in reality a convict, Philip Musica, who was involved in a vast financial swindle when the United States Hair Company collapsed in the Great War.

The fingerprints also revealed that Vernard was one of Musica's brothers.

PAST COMPLETELY HIDDEN

Coster had hidden his past so effectively that "Who's Who" listed him as American-born with university degrees, while he was actually the son of an Italian barber who emigrated to New York's poverty-stricken East Side.

The suicide of Coster occurred in his bathroom at the moment when the authorities arrived on the doorstep of his mansion to arrest him.—Reuter.

COORDINATION OF DEFENCE IN INDIA

New Delhi, To-day.

A new post, that of Secretary for Co-ordination of Defence, has been announced.

Mr. D. E. C. Williams, a member of the Indian Civil Service, has been appointed to be attached to the secretariat of the Governor-General.—Reuter.

RUPEE EXCHANGE

New Delhi, To-day.

A communique states that the Government of India has no intention of allowing the present exchange value of the rupee to be lowered.—Reuter.

ALFONSO'S SPANISH CITIZENSHIP RESTORED

Burgos, To-day.

Full rights of Spanish citizenship have been restored to ex-King Alfonso by the Spanish Nationalist authorities.

This revokes the decree passed in 1931, when the Republic was established in Spain and the King left the country.

However, he has never announced his abdication.—Reuter.

Eric Boon New British Lightweight Champion

London, To-day.

Eric Boon, Blacksmith's assistant from Cambridgeshire, last night won the British Lightweight Boxing title when he knocked out Dave Crowley, the holder, in the sixth round of their scheduled 15 round bout, at the Harringay Stadium, London.—Reuter.

COURTNEY SUSPENDED TO DECEMBER 31

Courtney, of the Middlesex, who was given marching orders last Saturday during the Senior Shield game against South China "A" appeared before the Emergency Committee last night when he was suspended till December 31, for "threatening to strike an opponent." The other charge of "deliberately kicking an opponent" was dismissed.

proceeded with, Mr. K. S. Morrison proposing Mr. Archbutt, as Captain and remarking that he had gone to great trouble with regard to the plans of the new Clubhouse, and had all the details at his fingertips.

Mr. Geare, seconded, and the motion was carried with acclamation.

Nominations for the General Committee were decided by ballot, the following being elected:—Messrs. A. S. Adamson, D. H. Blake, I. H. Geare, D. J. Gilmore, A. D. Humphreys, A. E. Lissaman, A. K. MacKenzie and R. Young.

R.H.K.G.C. TO BUILD NEW CLUBHOUSE

A proposal to celebrate the jubilee year of the foundation of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club in 1939 by commencing the building of a new Clubhouse, was made by Mr. G. S. Archbutt, Captain of the Club, at the annual meeting held yesterday in the Board Room of Jardine, Matheson and Co. Mr. Archbutt, who was thanked for the enthusiastic interest he had taken in the Club, was again elected Captain.

The financial position was stated to be very sound. It was revealed that, unless the refugee position made undue demands, there would be no water shortage at Fanling, where more rain had fallen than in Kowloon.

There were present at the meeting Mr. G. S. Archbutt (Chairman), Lieut.-Col. E. D. Matthews (Secretary), Messrs. I. H. Geare, R. Young, J. A. D. Morrison, D. J. Gilmore, K. S. Morrison, A. E. Lissaman, F. J. de Rome (Committee), and many members.

The motion was passed.

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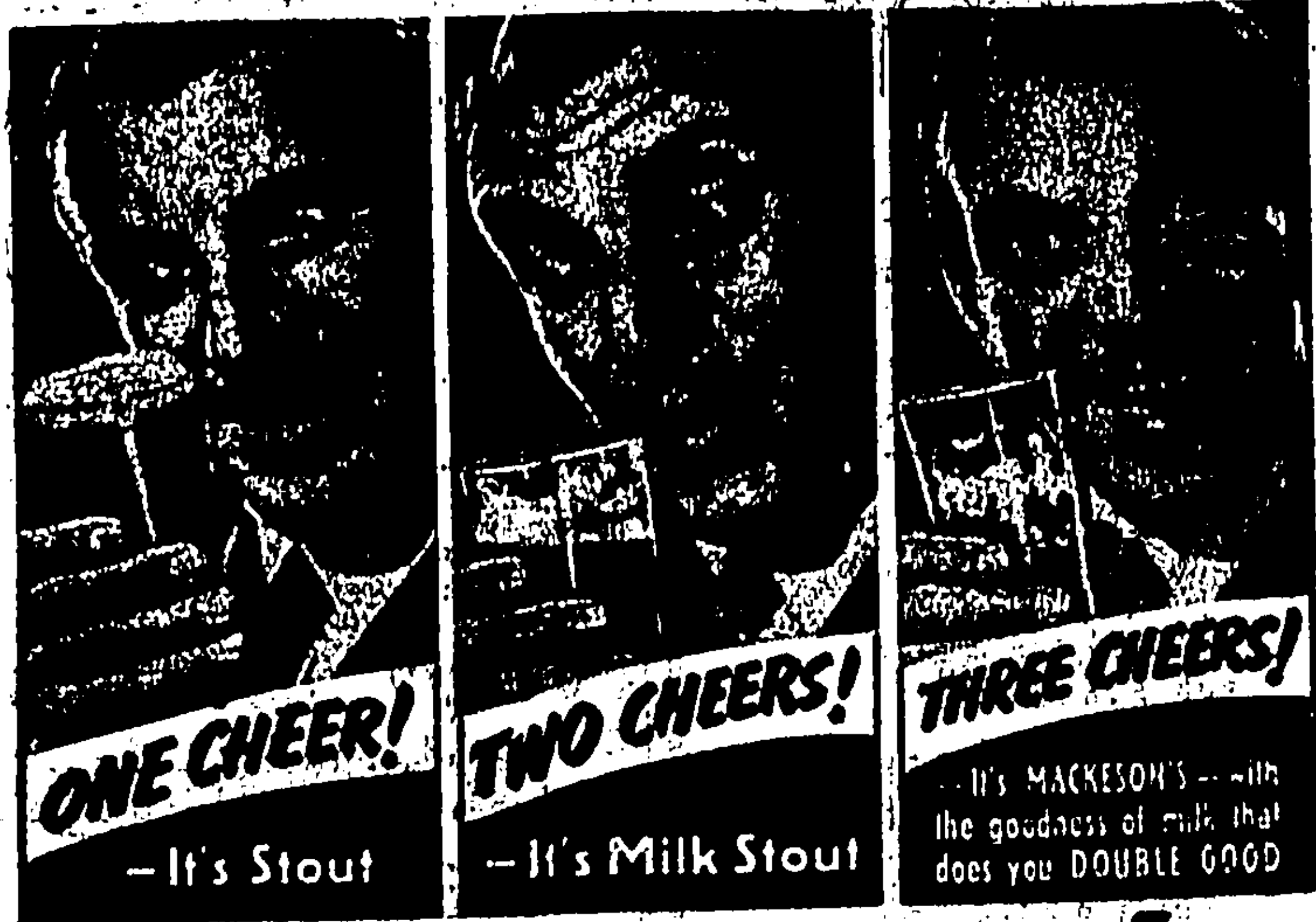
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ESSENTIAL HUMANITY

When President Roosevelt declared in restrained language that 'the news of the last few days from Germany has deeply shocked public opinion in the United States,' he spoke the simple truth. How much good the speaking will do is not yet clear. Results may depend on how soon and how fully the truth gets through the German censorship.

No one who knows the German people can believe that more than a propaganda-fed fraction of them can sanction what has been going on. And there is some possibility that when they fully understand what has happened and how the Christian world feels about it, they will be able to make their own revulsion felt.

It is precisely because the world expects more of Germany's twentieth-century civilization than of countries like Russia that it is now so shocked. There is relatively little disposition to revive World War hates and prejudices. Almost every foreign protest also voices genuine friendliness for the German people. Germans should know this. And they should know that their friends everywhere have faith that the essential humanity of the German people will sooner or later find expression and end this shameful business.

Too Much Reading?

The Poet Laureate's assertion—surely open to doubt—that people now read less than their fathers and much less than their great-grandfathers, would not have been regarded as matter for regret by some famous writers of the past. Thomas Hobbes, it is recorded, had very few books in his chamber, and 'was wont to say that if he had read as much as other men he should have known no more than other men.' While Walter Savage Landor, in his old age, confessed 'the time I most regret is the time I have spent in reading: had I read less I should have been more original.'

More recently the late Mr. W. D. Howells, the American novelist and critic, roundly denounced the reading habit as a vice: 'People may really be eating literature as they eat opium, and may be as effectively drugged to stupidity with the one as with the other.'

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"Tails" And The Pipe

The recent picture of Earl Baldwin, in full evening dress lighting his pipe while the American Ambassador looked on in apparent amusement sets one speculating on the possibility of changes in evening life wider than may appear at once. The last great change of the kind was introduced by King Edward VII when, as Prince of Wales, he produced a cigarette in a hall where such a thing had not been seen before and so established a new fashion which had considerable effects on the life of the time, putting an end to long sittings over the port after dinner and extinguishing the last remnants of the three-bottle age. Earl Baldwin's innovation may strike the last blow at dining taboos. There are still rules or customs forbidding pipes in what are called "smart" restaurants, but it needs only that a few good customers should follow the Baldwin example for these things to be swept away.

Another change, hardly foreseen as yet, is sartorial. King Edward's after-dinner cigarette did away with the belief that men must dress themselves specially for smoking and that to enter the presence of women smelling of smoke was an outrage. Earl Baldwin, on the other hand, may put the clock back or set the tailors a difficult problem. Of all costumes, that of "tails" is the least suited for carrying pipe and pouch. It has a good many pockets, but none which can take a bulge happily. It is possible, therefore, that Earl Baldwin's real monument will be the "Baldwin" evening coat designed specially for holding the bulky necessities of pipe-smoking.

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Changes At Geneva

The abolition of the post of "Chef du Cabinet" to the Secretary General of the League of Nations, held by M. Hoden, has made an unhappy impression in London. M. Avenol, the Secretary General, was within his strict rights in abolishing any post which in his view had become redundant. Moreover, the Assembly of the League recently instructed the Council to set up a committee of five to see what reductions could be made in the standing costs of the secretariats of the League and the I.L.O. This dismissal might be interpreted as an anticipation of the Committee's findings, and is indeed officially explained as an economy measure.

On the other hand, there are not lacking those who say that M. Hoden held strong anti-Munich views and went beyond the discretion of a permanent official in forwarding them. Others are ready to say that M. Avenol has never favoured a policy of opposition to Great Powers, whether inside or outside the League. Without accepting either of these views to the exclusion of the other, one cannot but wonder why, if economy was the only motive, M. Avenol did not wait for the Economy Committee's findings.

CHINESE INDIVIDUALISM

Major Asset In Fight Against Japan

Tribute To Spirit Of China

NEW YORK.

"THE INDIVIDUALISM OF THE CHINESE MAY TURN OUT TO BE A MAJOR ASSET IN THE PRESENT STRUGGLE," SAYS MR. OLIVER J. CALDWELL, DESCRIBING HIS PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS OF THE SINO-JAPANESE WAR IN "AMERASIA."

"They fight unconventionally, often they have been the gainers thereby."

"The important point is that the myriad individualisms of China have become directed toward one end and have become a strength instead of a weakness."

As late as last January, Mr. Caldwell points out, Szechwan was still not 100 per cent loyal to the Central Government and continually resisted its attempts to enforce its authority. The same was true of Fukien.

SCHOOLS EVERYWHERE

Since then there has been a marked swing of public opinion towards the Central Government. "It is safe to assume that Szechwan is now supporting the Central Government more wholeheartedly than at any time in history."

Among the aboriginal tribes of Szechwan and Yunnan, Mr. Caldwell found a school in every village. The teachers, "not only taught the school but educated the entire community to resist Japan."

One missionary informed Mr. Caldwell that of the Chuan Miao tribe 8,000 young men had volunteered for service in the Chinese Army up to last May 1.

"The greatest peril to the Chiang Kai-shek regime," Mr. Caldwell says, "was from the old guard gentry who have for centuries controlled the policies and finances of the far west provinces."

When the Government put a three per cent sales tax on the gross sales of shops which sold more than 500 dollars worth of goods each

S.V.C. UNIT LOSES ARGUMENT WITH JAPS.

Approximately 80 members of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps were detained by Japanese sentries at the Szechuen Road bridge recently. The volunteers, riding in trucks, were returning from the rifle range at Hongkew Park.

The volunteers, according to information supplied have been using the Szechuen Road bridge to travel back and forth between the rifle range for the past eight months.

When returning from the range about 5.30 p.m. however, their trucks were stopped by the Japanese. After some 45 minutes of argument, the Japanese won and the trucks, in order to get to the north side of Soochow Creek, were compelled to use the Garden Bridge.

month, the "old guard" rebelled strongly and even organised a sit-down strike.

General Chiang Kai-shek's personal popularity, however, and the Chinese success at Taierhchwang broke the strike and the Government's prestige was enormously increased.

MANY CHANGES

Mr. Caldwell says that the Kuomintang has changed greatly; it can no longer be accused of being "an organisation controlled by conservatives with fascist tendencies."

"Hundreds of the younger leaders are keenly interested in bettering the conditions of the common people, co-operating with other progressive elements in building up a new nation."

Conspicuous in their work has been the effort to do something for the farmers, particularly in arranging low interest loans for them through the Bank of China. Much

of China's growing unity is traceable to this.

Mr. Caldwell disclaims any idea of whitewashing the Chinese Government. There may still be some corruption in high places, but he believes that public opinion begins to act as a powerful deterrent.

He particularly mentions the opium trade, for which Szechwan was formerly notorious. But,

"Last year I travelled hundreds of miles in Szechwan without sighting a poppy. Now food crops only are seen."

As for the striking extent to which the Chinese have upset the old belief that they lacked fighting stamina, Mr. Caldwell says, from his own and other people's observations, that "it would be hard to deny that, all things considered, the Chinese is a first-class fighting man."

"The stamina of the civilians is perhaps even more marked. Millions of Chinese civilians have faced the most ruthless and barbaric forms of warfare without means of retaliation, and have come through the ordeal, in a manner that would do credit to any race."—Reuter.

16TH CENTURY ACT TO BE REPEALED

A score of enactments, extending from the 16th century to the 20th, will be repealed, in whole or in part, by the Limitation Bill, which the Lord Chancellor has introduced in the House of Lords.

A section of "An Act Concerning Informers," passed in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, is the oldest statute affected.

The bill will consolidate and amend certain enactments relating to the limitation of actions and arbitrations.

SAILING DELAYED

The sailing of the B. I. s.s. "Talamba" for the Straits and India has been delayed from to-day (Saturday) 10.30 a.m. to Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

'My Struggle Begins'

(Continued from Page 2)

interruptions by somebody going out, or yawning. At the end the chairman calls for a patriotic song, and then the meeting fades out—that is, everyone hurries to get out, one to his beer, another to a cafe, and others simply into the fresh air.

"Well, there was none of that for us," says Hitler. "Our meetings were crammed with workers three-quarters of an hour before the start. They were like a powder cask, ready to go off at any moment with the match at the touch-hole!"

They did go off. The first hour of any Hitler meeting was a free fight. The stewards began to drill and march. The Storm Troops were born. Round and round the streets in lorries they rushed, throwing out inflammatory pamphlets. The meetings swelled. Hitler revelled in the battle.

He tells in Mein Kampf of the first tremendous meeting held in great Circus Krone at Munich. Long in advance he knew the place was to be broken up. He prepared. Forty-six of the strong-arm squad were mustered. After an hour the signal came from the enemy. They rushed upon the platform, like wolves the Storm Troopers flung themselves upon the attackers. Bottles flew, pint-pots, chair legs, stones like howitzer shells. Glasses shattered. Revolvers cracked. After half an hour the hall was cleared—of the enemy.

Hitler continued his speech. At the very end an excited police-inspector rushed up, "The meeting is closed," he roared.

Hitler sat down and laughed. On Monday Hitler tells frankly how he built up his propaganda.

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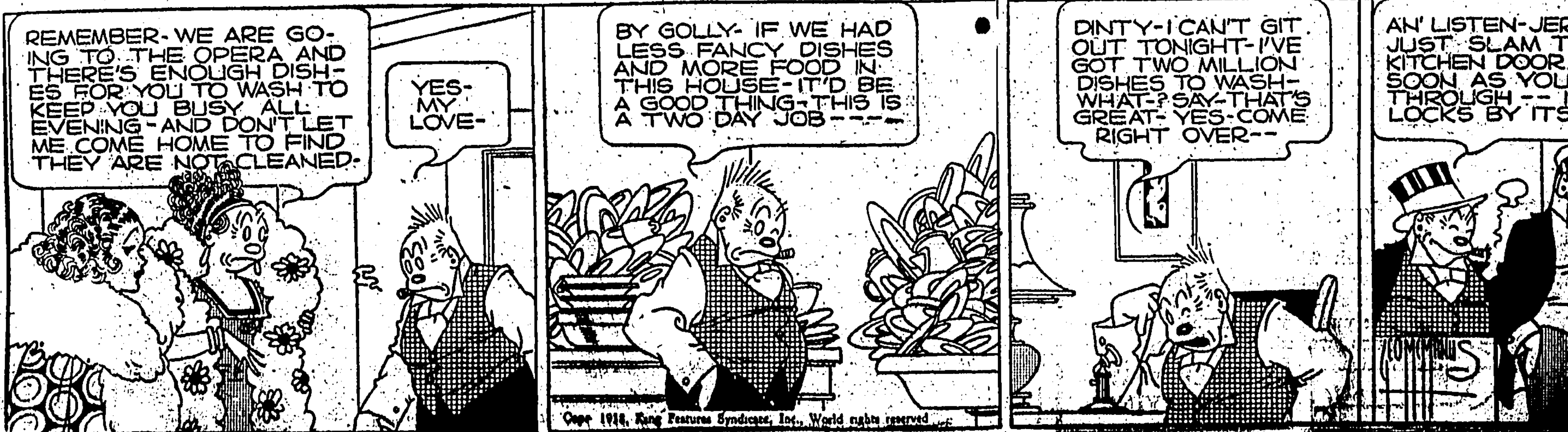
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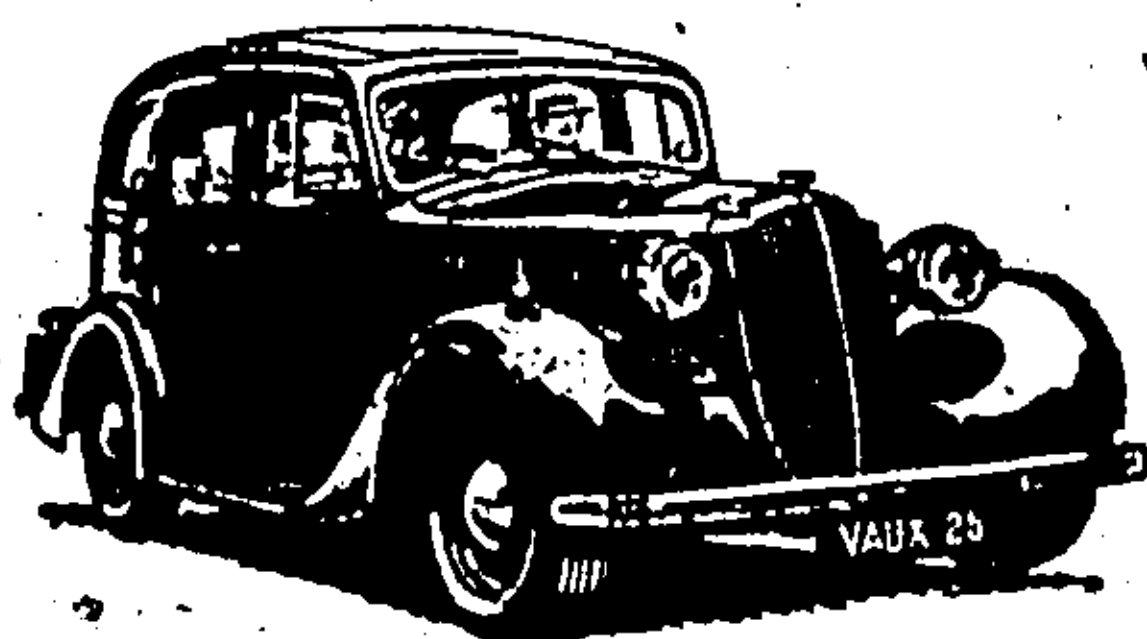


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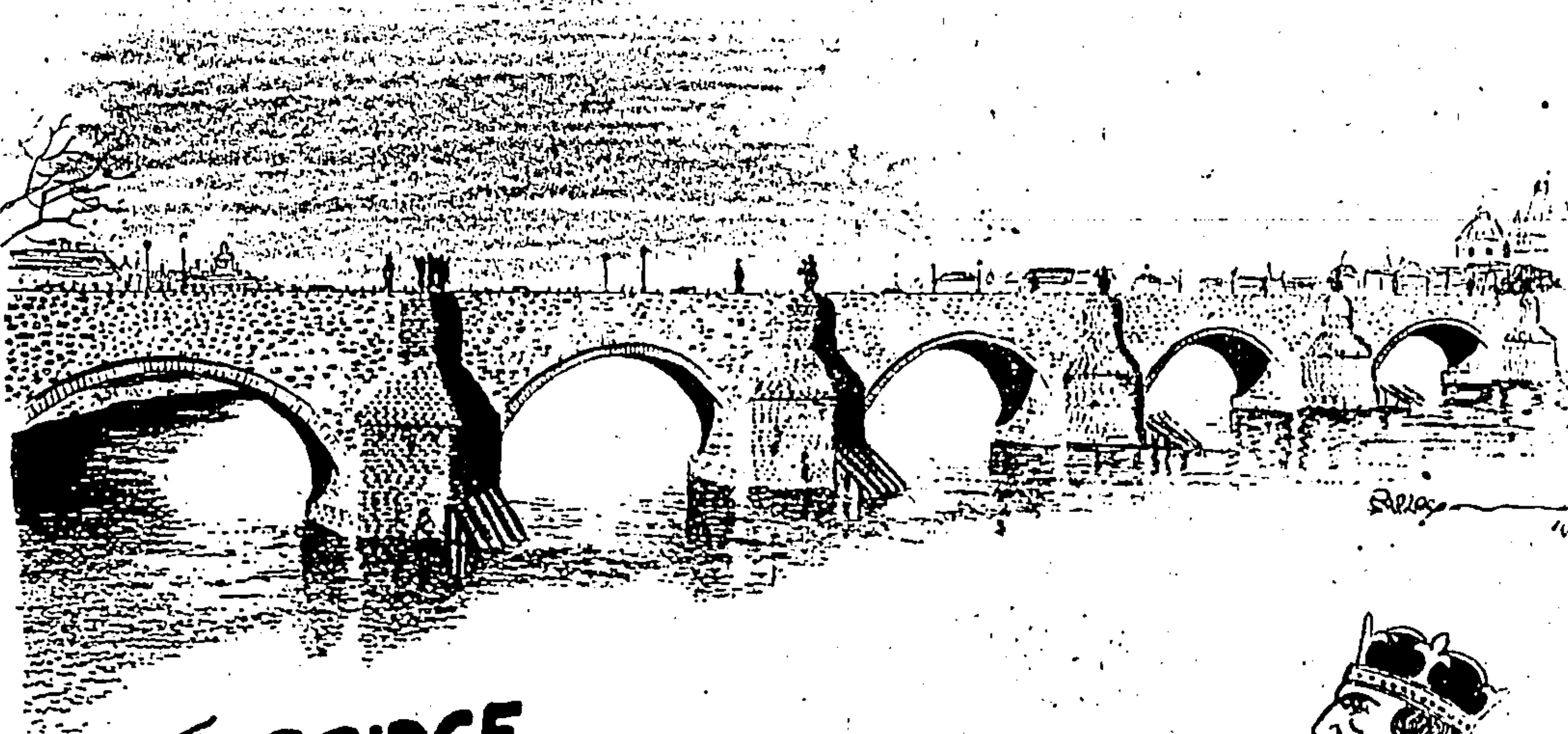
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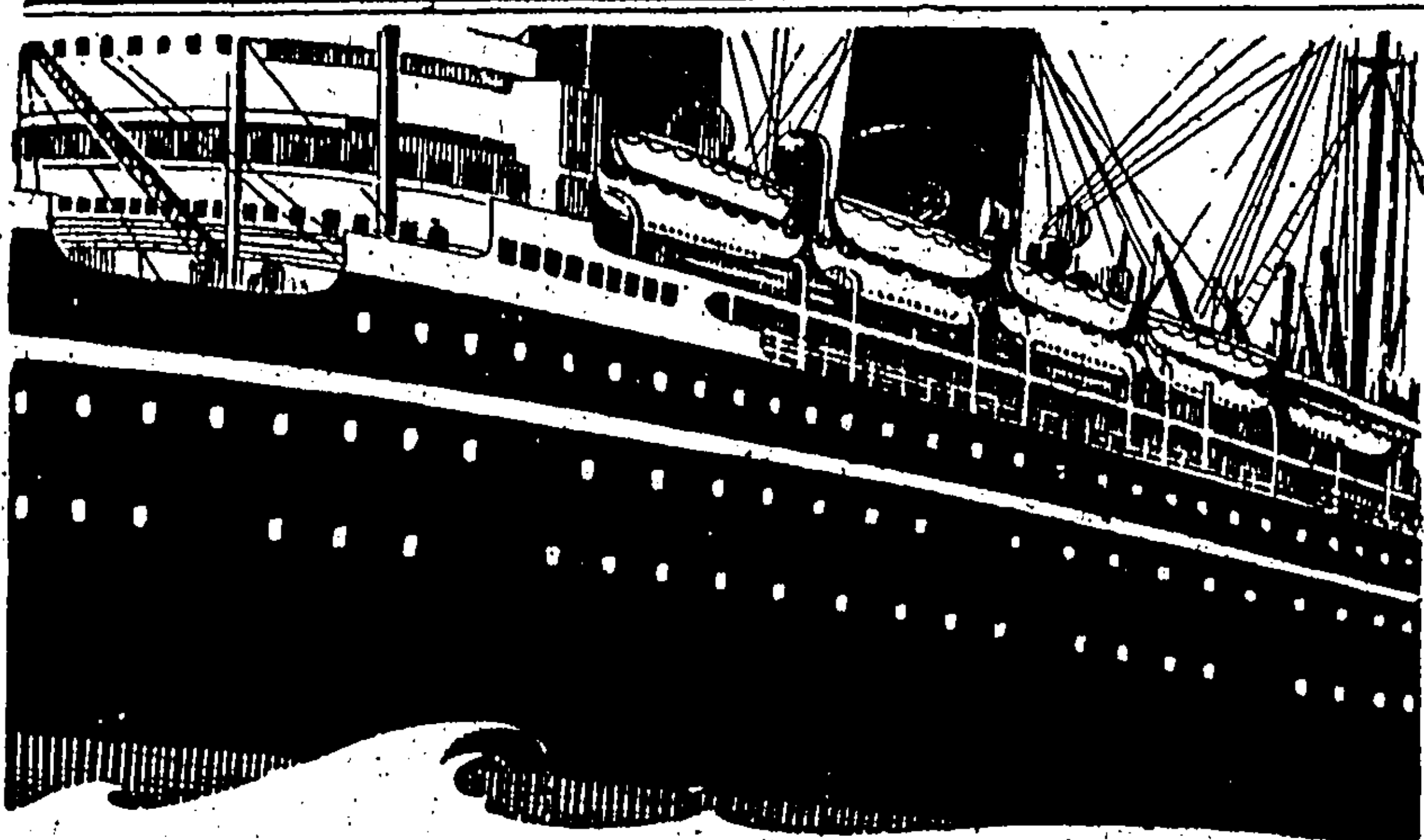
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INWARD MAILS

Haiphong	Canton	December 17.
Straits and London Parcels—London date, 10th November.	Agamemnon	December 17.
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	December 17.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kwangtung	December 17.
Manila	Conte Biancamano	December 18.
Haiphong and Fort Bayard	Jean Dupuis	December 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 11th Dec.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 18.
Straits	Anhui	December 18.
Manila	Roseville	December 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Ixon	December 18.
Shanghai and Swatow	Hunan	December 19.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tsinan	December 19.
Japan	Suisang	December 20.
Shanghai	Glenapp	December 20.
Calcutta and Straits	Sirdhana	December 20.
Straits	Helenus	December 20.
Japan	Jeypore	December 20.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 15th Dec.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 21.
Manila	Empress of Russia	December 21.

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For	Per	Date and Time.
SATURDAY		
Amoy	Soochow	Dec. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and (Papers only for Canada via San Francisco)—due San Francisco, 5th January, 1939.	Pres. Coolidge	Sat., Dec. 17, G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Par.	Dec. 17, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 17, 4.15 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "Air France Service"—due Marseilles, 1st January, 1939.	Lyeemoon	Sat., Dec. 17, G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Reg.	Dec. 17, 4 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 17, 4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Lyeemoon	Dec. 17, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

Swatow, Amoy and Chuanchow	Seistan	Dec. 18, 9 a.m.
Shanghai	Conte Biancamano	Dec. 18, 9 a.m.
Tientsin	Taisang	Dec. 18, 9 a.m.

MONDAY

Swatow	Anhui	Dec. 19, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 26th Dec.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Dec. 19, K.P.O.—Reg., Dec. 19, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 19, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.—Reg.	Dec. 19, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 19, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 26th Dec.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Dec. 19, K.P.O.—Reg., Dec. 19, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 19, 5.30 p.m.
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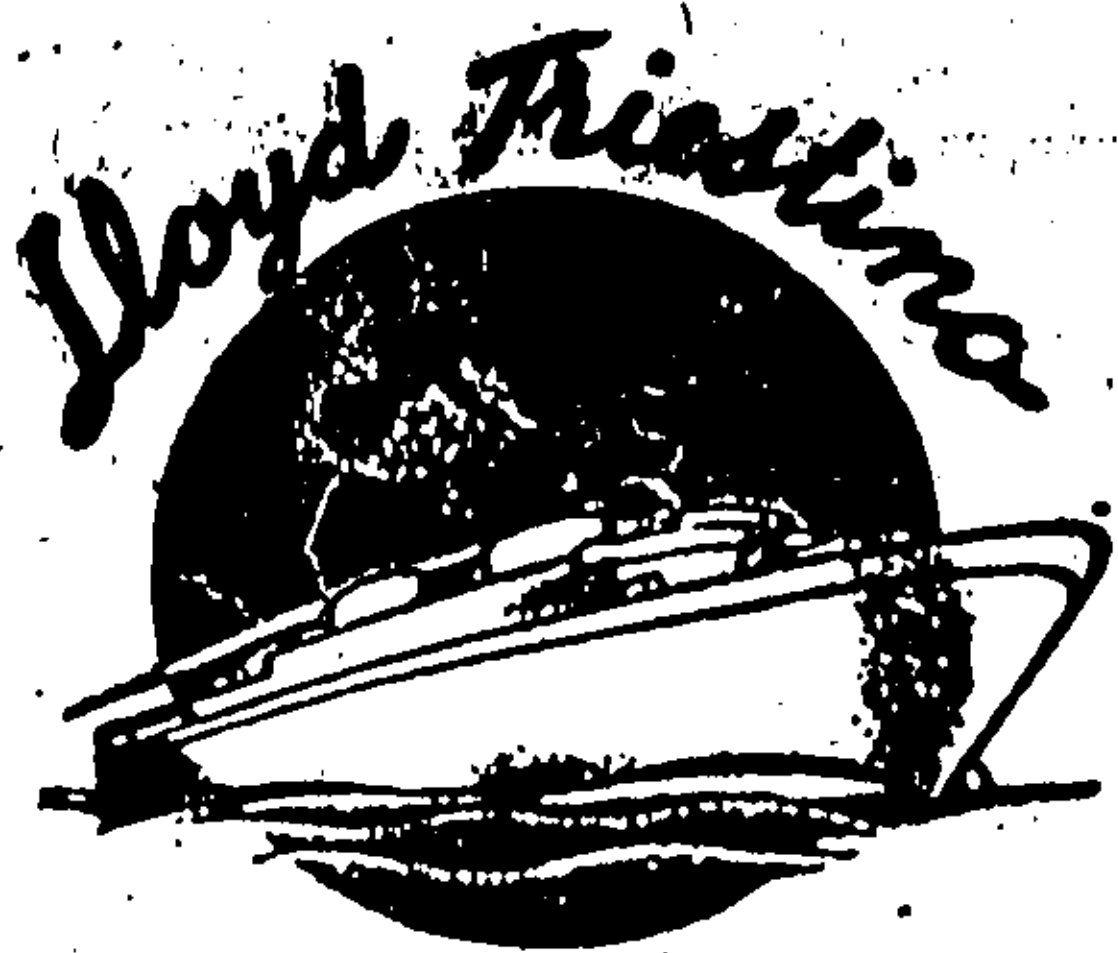
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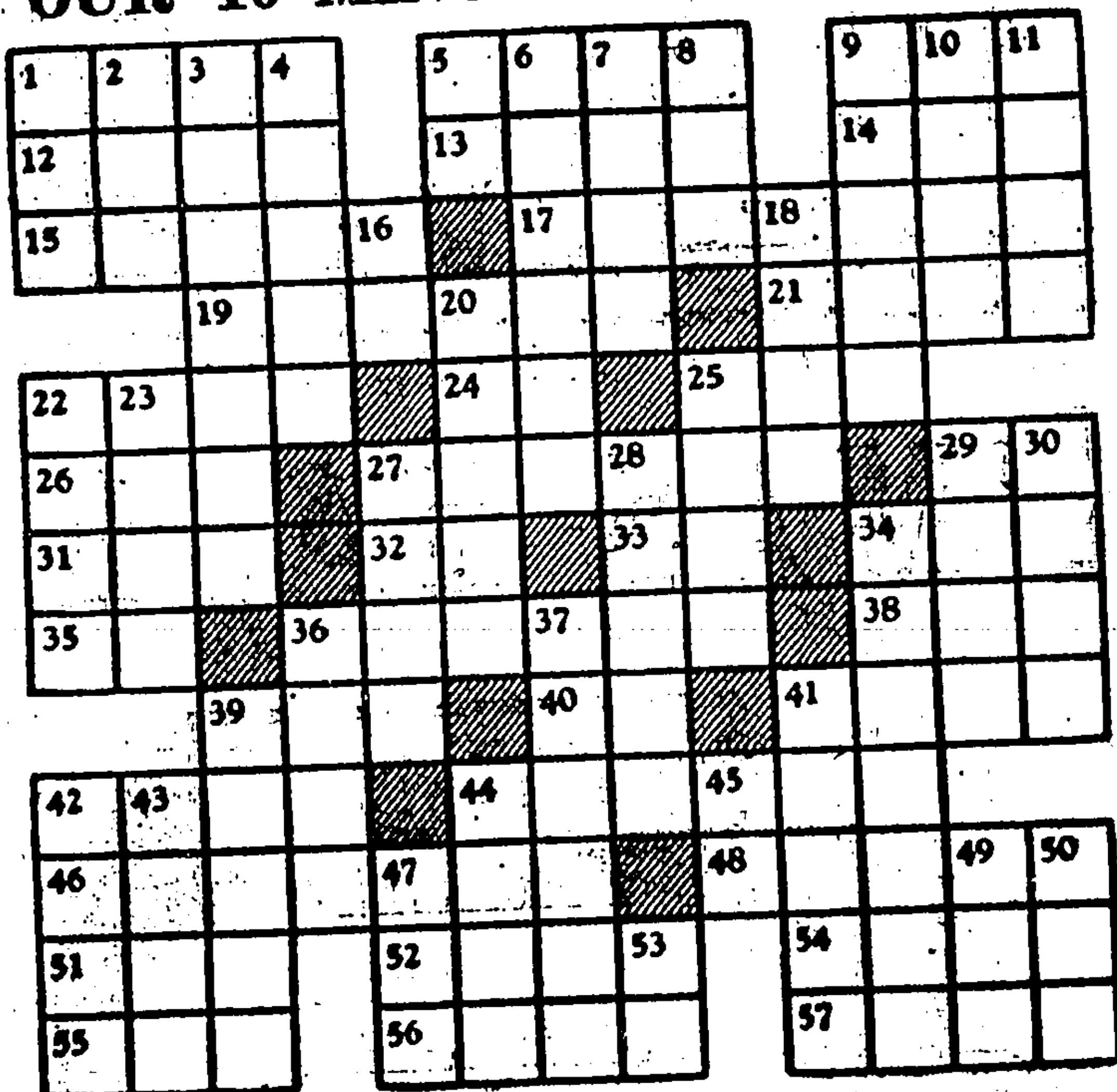
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- 25 Underworld god
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- 27 Reply
- 29 Not any
- 31 Pronoun
- 32 Hence
- 33 One
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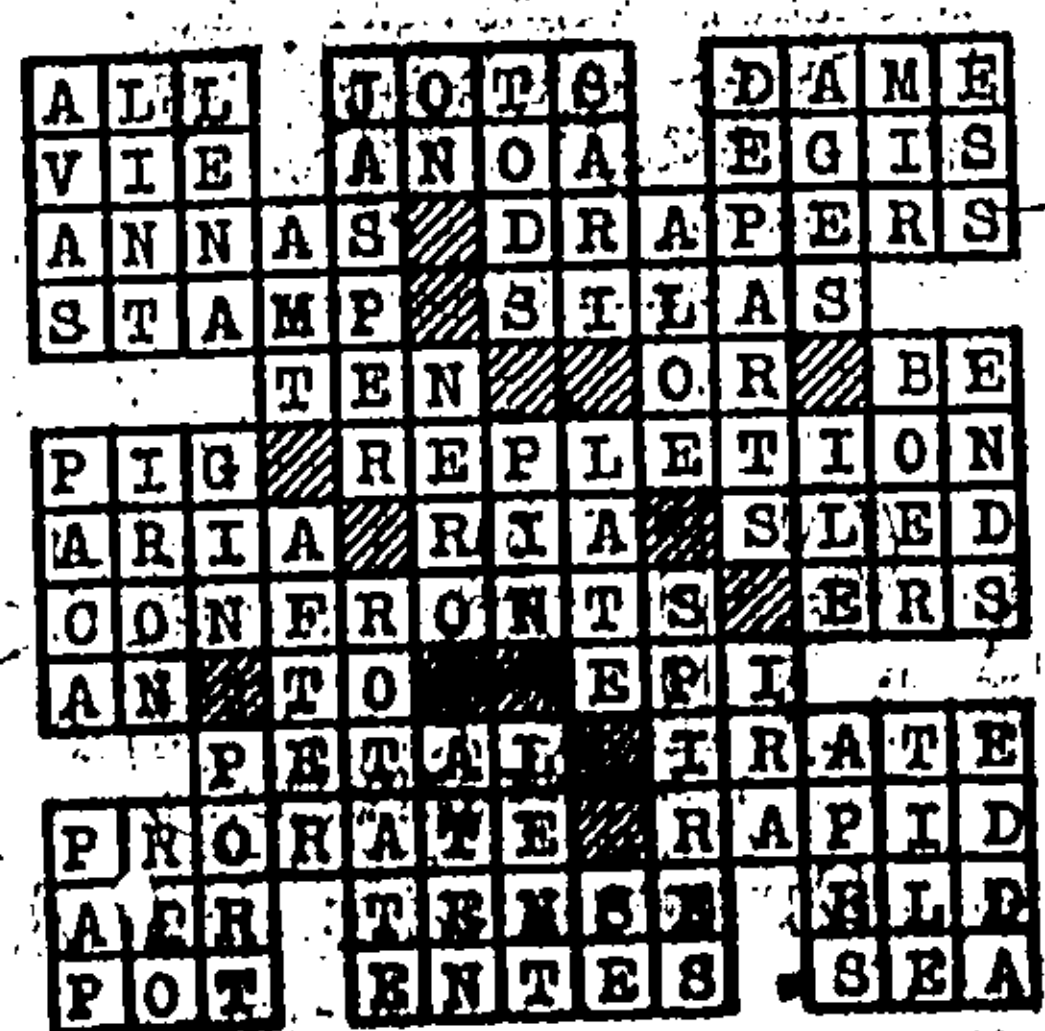
VERTICAL

- 42 Anon
- 44 To deliver
- 46 Changeable
- 48 Twirls
- 51 Antlered beast
- 52 Dye
- 54 On the ocean

VERTICAL

- 55 French: of the
- 56 Speed contest
- 57 Anglo-Saxon court
- 1 Resort
- 2 Fowl
- 3 Laborious

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



- 4 Aspects
- 5 Part of "to be"
- 6 Those carried
- 7 Cards
- 8 To gamble
- 9 End
- 10 Crafts
- 11 Balance
- 16 Italian: yes
- 18 Moslem prince
- 20 Purport
- 22 A continent
- 23 Retorts
- 29 Grammar: name
- 30 Verses
- 34 Pledge
- 36 Forwarded
- 37 Peaceful
- 39 Watches
- 41 Part of flower
- 42 Hastened
- 43 Heraldic bearing
- 44 Frog genus
- 45 Plural suffix
- 47 Organ of head
- 49 Born
- 50 Rested
- 53 French article



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CALCUTTA via Singapore Belawan, Deli & Rangoon Ryuun Maru 2nd Jan. 39.

JAPAN PORTS Canton Maru Wed., 14th Dec.

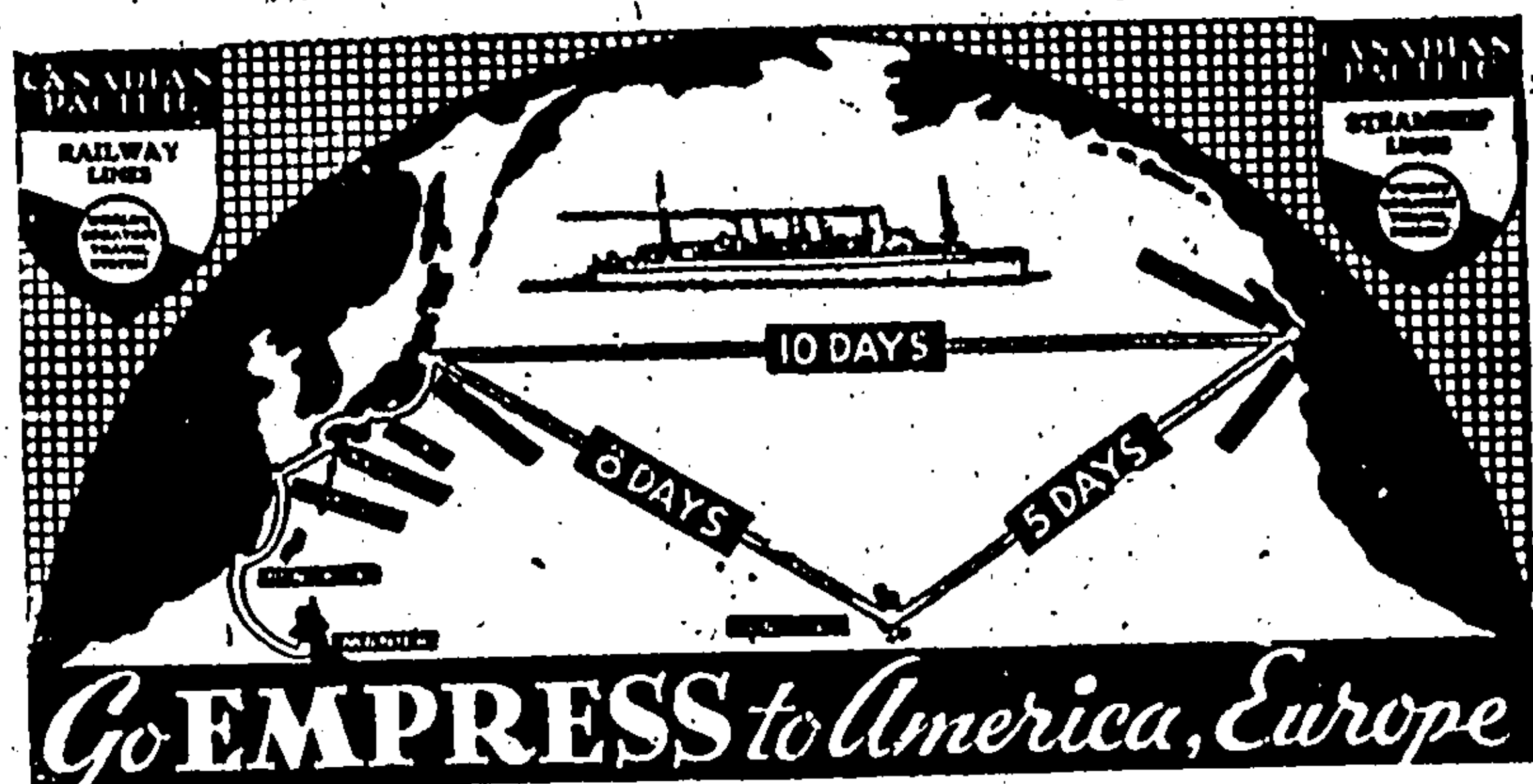
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Orders by Lieut. Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Friday, 16th December, 1938.

TEST-RESULT

The following of the Engineer Company, D.E.L. Section, passed a test in December, 1938, in the control of the Ruston-Hornsby Engine.

No. 2706 L/Cpl. R. L. Neubronner.
CORPS ORDERS-AMENDMENT
Corps Orders No. 55/38 dated 9.12.38, para. 7 — Strength-Decrease. Delete the line "2825 Pte. Chik Wai Men. No. 4 M. G. Company. 8.7.38."

HOLIDAYS

Corps Headquarters will be closed during the Christmas Holidays from 1 p.m. on Saturday 24th December to 9 a.m. on Wednesday 28th December.

RIFLE TABLE B-KOWLOON CITY RANGE

Sunday, 18th December, 9 a.m. The following units will attend:—

Engineer Company, D. E. L. Section.
Lyon Light Section (N.C.O.'s. only).
Corps Signals.
Machine Gun Signals.

Dress—Optional. Webbing equipment. Rifle.

Range Officer—Lt. A. N. Braude.

PARADES

2ND BATTERY

Wednesday, 21st December. H.M.S. Tamar. 5.30 p.m. Gun Drill. Dress—Overalls and S. D. cap.

Thursday, 22nd December. H.M.S. Tamar. 5.30 p.m. Gun Drill. Dress—Overalls and S.D. cap.

ENGINEER COMPANY

D. E. L. SECTION

Sunday, 18th December. See para. 6 above.

There will be no further parade until Monday, January 9th, 1939.

LYON LIGHT SECTION

Sunday, 18th December. See para 6 above.

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CORPS SIGNALS

Sunday, 18th December. See para 6 above.

There will be no further parade until January 10th.

NO. 3 M. G. COMPANY

Sunday, 18th December. Stonecutters. M. G. Part II. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.15 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 8.30 p.m. Dress—Optional. Equipment must be worn while firing. Range Officer—2/Lt. S. V. Gittins.

NO. 4 M. G. COMPANY

There will be no further parades until after 8th January.

Sunday, 8th January. Stonecutters. M. G. Part II. No. 13 Platoon. CONSTRUCTION SECTION, R.O.D.C.

Thursday, 22nd December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Lecture on Demolitions.

TRANSFER

2679, Gnr. J. A. L. Pearson, 2nd Battery, Unit Reserve 8.12.38.

LEAVE

Lieut. F. W. T. Ross, Engineer Coy., 15.12.28—15.12.39.

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UNIVERSITY AND ST. JOHN'S BADMINTON VICTORIES

In the Mixed Doubles Division of the Badminton League last night, University beat Kowloon Tong by 9 sets to nil.

K. L. Yong and Miss U. Khoo (H.K.U.).

beat R. E. Lee and Miss Roza 21—10

beat B. Fletcher and Mrs. Castro 21—14

beat F. Tsang and Miss Donzhley 21—6

P. K. Hui and Miss A. Choa (H.K.U.).

beat Lee and Miss Roza 21—6

beat Fletcher and Mrs. Castro 21—19

beat Tsang and Miss Donzhley 21—18

C. K. Lee and Miss J. Anderson (H.K.U.).

beat Lee and Miss Roza 21—9

beat Fletcher and Mrs. Castro 21—18

beat Tsang and Miss Donzhley 21—6

TAIKOO BEATEN

At St. John's Hall, St. John's beat Taikoo by 8 sets to 1.

A. Keown and Miss R. Summers (Taikoo).

beat N. Smith and Miss V. Cave 21—13

lost to F. H. Kwok and Miss N. Eardley 13—21

lost to D. Kwok and Mrs. Wilson 12—21

R. Main and Mrs. McKie (Taikoo).

lost to Smith and Miss Cave 15—21

lost to Kwok and Miss Eardley 8—21

lost to Kwok and Mrs. Wilson 21—24

D. Beeken and Mrs. Main (Taikoo).

lost to Smith and Miss Cave 6—21

lost to Kwok and Miss Eardley 2—21

lost to Kwok and Mrs. Wilson 10—21

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S. China's Big Task To-Day

MEET ORDNANCE CORPS

The half way mark in Junior football now having been reached, it is possible to see which teams will be figuring among the leading teams at the end of the season, although to-day's games should not effect the leading teams of any of the divisions.

The outstanding game in the Second Division should be that between Royal Scots and 5th A. A. Bde., R. A., at the Valley. A win for either side will still keep them in the running for the Championship.

Though Police lost badly to St. Joseph's in their first meeting, they should do much better to-day. Police will be strengthened by the inclusion of Byrne and Gordon, while St. Joseph's will be fielding a weaker team than at the first meeting, as several of their players have been promoted, among whom are A. Ward, A. Zim and Pereira.

South China, leaders of the Second Division, will be fully extend by Ordnance Corps, who are fielding a re-arranged side in preparation for the Replay of the Second Round of the Junior Shield next Wednesday.

Duffield will be seen on the left-wing, with Meakin at inside-left, while Lang a half back, will be seen on the right-wing.

Will Club Repeat Win Over Middlesex

SOUTH CHINA "A'S" NEW LEFT HALF

(By "REFEREE")

THIS afternoon marks the second round of the Hong Kong League programme and several interesting encounters will feature the First Division, particularly the clash between Club and Middlesex, at the Valley. In their first encounter, the Civilians provided one of the biggest upsets of the season when they beat the "Die-Hards" by the odd goal in five.

Middlesex will have to find a new inside-right as Courtney, who was given marching orders last Saturday, may not turn out to-day. Club, who have been most inconsistent this season, will probably be fielding much the same team which did duty for them in their first match with the exception of Nogaitzik, their former right-back, whose berth will be filled by R. Keown.

Another interesting First Division match is that between Kowloon and the Navy, at Catham Road. In their encounter, Navy won comfortably at Causeway Bay where Newlands, Mugliston and Betts scored, but only Betts will be available to-day and the other places will be filled by Hunt and Thoburn, two sound and constructive players.

KOWLOON'S NEW LEADER

Kowloon cannot boast of a very successful season to-date although they have done moderately well. They will miss the services of Blake, their former centre-forward,

who has been compelled to give up soccer, but Riersten who now fills this position, is a dangerous forward with a powerful shot off either foot.

Although South China "A" trounced Royal Scots by 10 clear goals on September 25, the vast improvement displayed by the soldiers recently should result in a very closely contested game to-day. South China "A", however, are only making one change in their team, bringing Leung Yin-chin into the left-half berth in place of Lee Kwok-wai, who has been dropped.

Leung learned his soccer in Hong Kong and later played for Singapore in the H.M.S. Malaya Cup Inter-State football series.

With a recognised team, which includes Chinese players, Police, who have reached the turning point, should greatly extend Eastern, to whom they lost by 6 goals to 1, when they clash this afternoon at Boundary Street.

Rapier's Selections For To-Day

RACE NO. 1
SILKY LIGHT
CONFUSION BAY
BEAR CLAW
Outsider:—Cameronian



RACE NO. 2
RANGER
ABLE AMAZON
DERBY DAY
Outsider:—A Grand Time

RACE NO. 3
ROSE JANE
LUCKY
JUNGLE JIM
Outsider:—Rose-Queen

RACE NO. 4
COURTING EVE
LANCASHIRE CHIPS
STRATHROY
Outsider:—Centre Court

RACE NO. 5
PLAIN VIEW
FLYBYNIGHT
DOUBLE CHANCE
Outsider:—Royal Highness

RACE NO. 6
SALVAGE MASTER
DEKKO
PIET HEIN
Outsider:—Tribute

RACE NO. 7
A GREAT TIME
VIOLET QUEEN
ROOIFLY
Outsider:—Discovery Bay

RACE NO. 8
YUM SING
WENNING
STYMIE
Outsider:—Tabby Cat

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Local Football Forecast

TO-DAY

First Division
Kowloon v Navy
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Clarke.
Linesmen:—Marriott and Demee.
Club v Middlesex
(Club, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Hinchliffe.
Linesmen:—Barretto and Burgess.
South China "A" v Royal Scots
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Molyneux.
Linesmen:—Welsh and Purnell.
Police v Eastern
(Boundary Road, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Thomas.
Linesmen:—Wilson and Wilkins.
Second Division
Club v Kowloon
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Hooper.
5th R.A. v Royal Scots
(Military ground, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Stedman.
Eastern v Middlesex
(Boundary Road, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Finch.
St. Joseph's v Police
(St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Silva.
South China v R.A.O.C.
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—MacCormac.
Third Division "A"
Stanley v P.W.D.
(Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Aylwin.
Kit Che v South China
(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Waldron.
Third Division "B"
Signals v R.A.F.
(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Phillips.
A.S.A. v 24th R.A.
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Stone.
Stonecutters v Powhattan
(Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Dove.

TO-MORROW

Charity Match (in aid of the dependents of the late Shiu Chak Wing).
H.K.F.A. v H.K.C.A.A.F.
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Kossick.
Linesmen:—Molyneux and Thomas.
First Division
Kwong Wah v South China "B"
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Ottoway.
Linesmen:—Somerville & McLaughlan.
Second Division
Kwong Wah v Engineers
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Ip.
Third Division "A"
Electric v 30th R.A.
(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Havelaar.
R.E. (C) v Royal Scots
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Hartley.
5th R.A. v R.A.S.C.
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Farr.
Third Division "B"
Kumaon R. v Medicals
(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Edwards.
University v R.E. (E.)
(Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—McIlgrew.

LADIES' DOUBLES TENNIS SEMI-FINAL TO-DAY

At the United Services Recreation Club this afternoon at 4 p.m., Miss P. Anderson and Miss Yeung Wai-bun (G.R.C.) will meet Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu in the remaining semi-final round tie in the Colony Ladies Open Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship. The winners will meet Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey in the final.

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The rest of the originally scheduled programme comprising one Caer Clark Cup match between Central British School and Hong Kong Ladies, and two Braun Cup matches between C. B. School and Recreio "B" and Recreio "A" and Diocesan Girls School, have been postponed until March of next year.

Seaforth Ladies are expected to win this afternoon's encounter in view of their splendid record to date, while "Y" have been weakened by the enforced absence of Miss Nancy Eardley, their inside-right, through injuries.



The following are to-day's teams:

"Y" Ladies: Miss A. Ambrose; Mrs. Trimmer and Miss Seath; Miss N. Hurst, Miss I. Buchanan and Miss S. Bruce; Mrs. Grant, Miss R. Dsirne, Miss V. Bradbury, Mrs. Nichol and Miss Sinclair.

Seaforth Ladies: Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. McKay and Mrs. Wilmot; Mrs. Jehu, Mrs. McLeod and Mrs. Wilmot; Miss J. Maton, Mrs. Ackroyd, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Hamilton.

"Y" MEET R. A. AT HOCKEY TO-DAY

A very good hockey match should be witnessed on the "Y" ground at 4.30 p.m. this afternoon, when the "Y" seniors meet the Combined Royal Artillery team, comprising Europeans and Indians. This is the first time that such a team has been drawn from the 8th Heavy Brigade and the 5th Anti-Aircraft Brigade and the result should be interesting.

PRESS CRICKET XI

The following will represent the local Press in a whole-day cricket match with the Royal Navy to-morrow at King's Park:—

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His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will attend the Rugby match between the Club and the Army on Saturday, December 24.

TO-DAY'S CRICKET PROGRAMME

The following is to-day's cricket programme with some of the teams:—

SENIOR MATCHES

Craigengower C.C. v Navy
Civil Service v Kowloon C.C.
I. R. C. v Club de Recreio
H. K. C. C. v Army

JUNIOR MATCHES

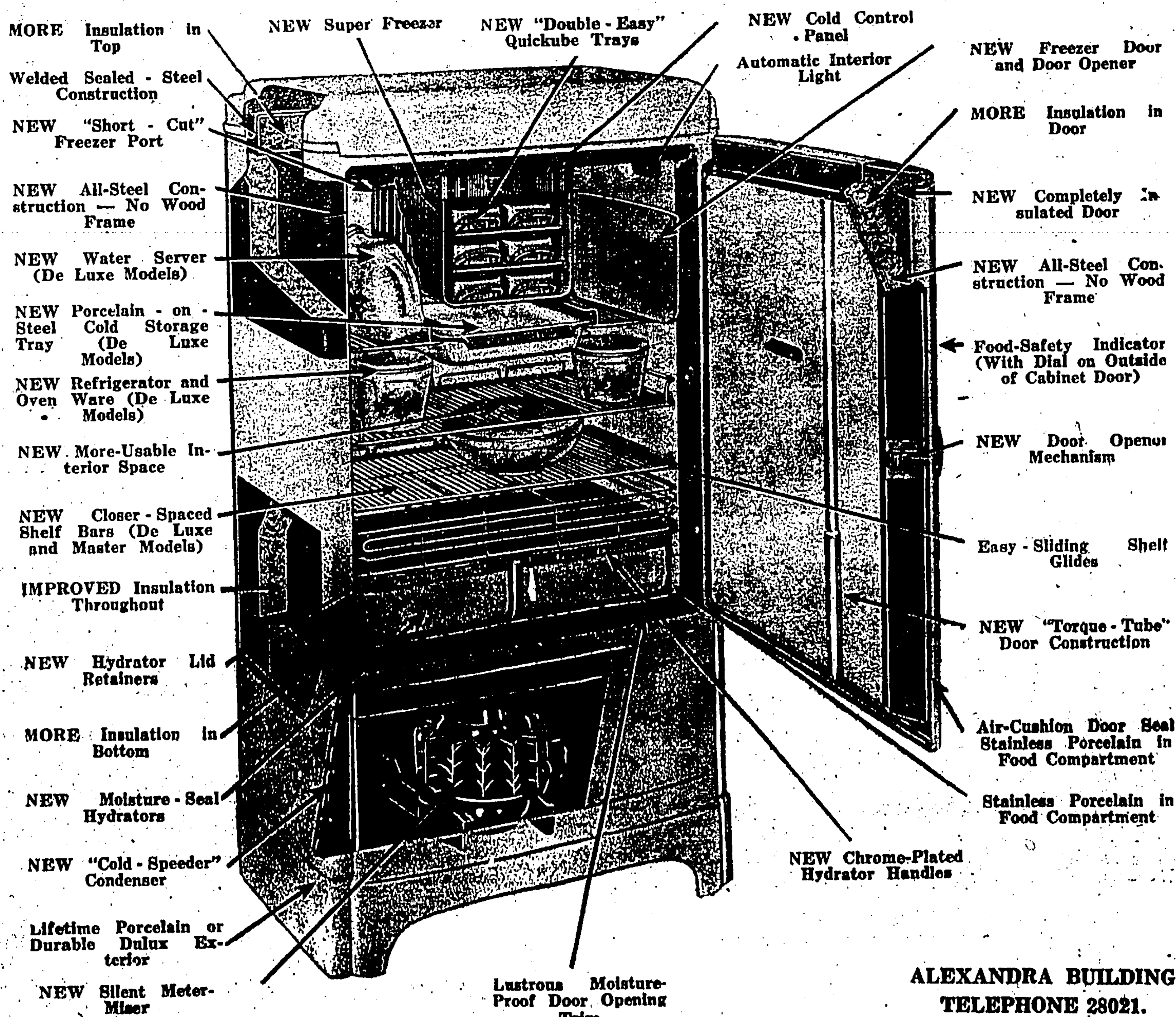
Navy v Craigengower
K. C. C. v C. S. C. C.
Recreio v Indians
Army v H. K. C. C.
University v C. B. School

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-final matches played recently in the Kowloon Golf Club Championship resulted as follows:

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Changes In Scrummage Laws In The Air

WELSH UNION MAY ASK FOR THEM

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(By ROWE HARDING)

IT is rumoured that the Welsh Union intend making representations to the International Board with a view to having the existing scrummaging laws changed again.

No one pretends that the laws are entirely satisfactory. The reasons for the decline of interest in the game in Wales are complex, but there is no doubt that the exasperating delays at the scrummages, and the monotonous succession of penalty kicks given in every game for scrummage infringements, are a contributory cause.

The game would certainly be more pleasant both for players and spectators if this major problem could be solved. All sorts of revolutionary suggestions are being made.

One is that each of the opposing outside forwards on the blind side of the front row should be allowed to advance his outside foot before the ball is put in; that the ball should be thrown through the tunnel so that it

would rebound against these obstructing feet; and that the ball should not be considered as fairly in until it has so rebounded.

IDEA IMPRACTICABLE

The idea seems to me completely impracticable, if only for the reason that it would be quite impossible to control the direction of the rebound.

Another suggestion is that there should be four instead of three forwards in the front row; that the outside forwards on the side where the

ball is thrown in should interlock their outside feet; and that the ball should be inserted into the tunnel beyond these interlocking feet.

NO REASONING

It is claimed that the addition of an extra forward to the front row on each side would add to the solidity of the scrummage, though I confess I am unable to follow the reasoning of this argument.

It is recognised that a 3-4-1 formation makes wheeling difficult, and that is the chief argument against its introduction into English Rugby. A 4-3-1 formation would make wheeling quite impossible, and for this reason alone its adoption is quite out of the question.

REFEREE'S TASK IMPOSSIBLE

The other part of the suggested innovation would make the referee's task impossible. It is sufficiently difficult now, when he has an uninterrupted view into the scrum.

It may be that it is not intended there should be any regulation of the

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NEXT WEEK'S LEAGUE SOCCER PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, 21ST DEC., 1938

Junior Shield Replay

24th R.A. v R.A.O.C.
(Sookumpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Molyneux.

THURSDAY, 22ND DEC., 1938

Third Division "A"

30th R.A. v Stanley
(Military, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Welsh.

Third Division "B"

R.A.M.C. v Stonecutters W/S
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Fraser.

SATURDAY, 24TH DEC., 1938

First Division

Royal Scots v Kowloon
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Ip.
Linesmen:—J. Somerville and Stone.
St. Joseph's v Club
(St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Hooper.
Linesmen:—McLaughlan and Sze Po Wai.

Middlesex v South China "A"
(Sookumpoo, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Finch.
Linesmen:—Wilson and Purnell.
Police v South China "B"
(Boundary Rd., 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Hinchliffe.
Linesmen:—W. Somerville and Dove.
Navy v Kwong Wah
(Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Qmar.
Linesmen:—Borletto and Wilken.

Second Division

Police v R.A.O.C.
(Boundary Rd., 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Clark.
St. Joseph's v Club
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Stedman.
Royal Scots v Kowloon
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Ottoway.
Middlesex v South China
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Referee:—Kossick.
5th R.A. v Kwong Wah
(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—MacCormac.
Eastern v Engineers
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Havelaar.

Third Division "A"

Royal Scots v Electric
(Military, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Silva.
South China v R.A.S.C.
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Marriott.

Third Division "B"

R.E. (E.) v Signals
(Chatham Rd., 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Demme.
R.A.F. v Stonecutters
(Prince Edward Rd., 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—McIlgrew.
Kumaon R. v A.S.A.
(Prince Edward Rd., 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Wyper.
24th R.A. v University
(Chatham Rd., 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Phillips.
Medicals v Powhattan
(Military, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Aylwin.

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activities of the feet beyond the gateway of crossed legs. But if so, the consequences can be better imagined than described.

I think some much less revolutionary suggestions would bring about the desired improvement. I think it only necessary to insist on three things—

(1) That the hooking should be done by the "far" foot of the middle man in the front row; (2) That he should not be allowed to advance his foot until the ball has passed both feet of the side men, and has touched the ground; (3) That no other foot should be raised or advanced until the ball has been played by a hooker's foot.



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NERAIN SINGH IN SCORING MOOD: SQD. LDR. MILLER SHINES

(By "STICKS")

OUTCLASSED in attack, where overcrowding in the circle lost them many opportunities, and erratic positioning in defence, saw Royal Navy beaten by Army by 4 goals to 1 in the first of the Triangular Tournament Hockey matches yesterday on the Sookumpoo ground.

Army have their magnificent defence to thank for their victory, their halves, brilliantly led by Lt. Hook, spoiling magnificently throughout and feeding their forwards with some splendid passes.

Navy did not look nearly as part in the other—the first of the match.

For Navy Lt. Comdr. Kennedy, at centre-forward, played a good game and received best support from his left-winger, F.O. Miller, who showed a fine turn of speed and who had very bad luck in three attempts to score.

Sqd Ldr. Miller, Navy pivot, opened the scoring against his own team when he deflected a mid-air reverse-stick shot from Nerain Singh, into his own goal, although the ball appeared to be travelling well outside the right-upright.

MILLER'S GOOD WORK

Navy's halves, with the exception of Clayton, were very sound, although Miller, filling the centre-half berth, was unfortunate to deflect a ball which appeared to be going wide of the goal, into his own net to give Army the lead.

In spite of this unfortunate incident, he save a superb display, his first time clearances and interceptions saving the Navy goal on many occasions. Clayton, pitted as he was against the powerful Army left-wing combination of Nerain Singh and Partab Singh, was rarely able to block their attempts to break through, while his distribution of the ball left much to be desired. He concentrated too much on his right-winger until directed otherwise by his captain.

Carr was the pick of the two backs and cleared first time, never being afraid to tackle immediately there was any possibility of danger, while Steele-Perkins, although performing quite well in the right-half berth, was inclined to wander from his position and threw extra burden onto the shoulders of his colleague.

THREE "STARS"

Army had a very sound defence in which Carter, at right-back, Wetton, at right-half, and Hook, at centre-half, were brilliant. Their colleagues lent valuable aid and Dove, in goal, was very safe and saved a certain goal once by a well timed advance from out of his charge.

Army's forwards had more thrust in their methods and gained valuable ground, although there was too much talking from the leader of the attack, who might have obtained better results from his left-wing combination if he had allowed them to play their own game. Indarjit Singh and Mackenzie-Kennedy were a dangerous right-wing pair, the latter sending across some lovely centres.

GOOD COMEBACK

Nerain Singh, making his first representative appearance for the Army since his return from India, gave a sparkling display at inside-left and, although he hung onto the ball, what appeared to be a trifle longer than was necessary, he rarely wasted an opportunity, scoring two grand goals and taking a prominent



MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS FINAL TO-DAY

Some very good tennis should be witnessed at Chinese Recreation Club this afternoon when W.A.H. Duff and Miss Anne Tylor meet Lt. Comdr. N. Kennedy and Miss M. Griffiths in the final of the Colony Mixed Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship.

In their path to the final Duff and Miss Tylor beat Lee Wai-tong and Miss Ling 6-2, 6-1, beat Tsui Wai-pui and Miss P. Anderson 6-3, 7-5, beat Paul Kong and Miss W.H. Loo 6-1, 6-2.

Lt. Comdr. Clifford and Miss M. Griffiths beat Tsui Yun-pui and Miss Yeung Wai-bun 1-6, 6-3, 6-3; beat Chan Chi-keung and Miss Lo Han-ye 6-2, 6-3, received a walk over from Lt. G.A.L. Wood and Mrs. Clifford.

L/Bdr. Carter (R.A.) and Pte. Stickley (Middlesex); L/Cpl. Wetton (R.E.), Lt. Hook (R.A.), and L/Sgt. Fraser (R. Scots); Capt. Mackenzie-Kennedy (R. Scots), Lt. Indarjit Singh (Rajputana Rifles), Capt. Lawder (Kumaon Rifles), Nerain Singh (Kumaon Rifles) and Partab Singh (Kumaon Rifles).

Royal Navy: A. B. McBride (Rover); Surg. Lt. Steele-Perkins (Tamar) and Lt. Carr (Diamond); E. A. Clayton (Odin), Sqd. Ldr. Miller (Eagle) and Lt. Firth (Duncan); Lt. Comdr. (D) Finnie (Tamar), Lt. Woods (Eagle), Lt. Comdr. Kennedy (Eagle), Lt. Medd (Eagle) and F. O. Miller (Eagle).

NAVY SHOULD EASILY BEAT ARMY AT RUGBY

To-day's Triangular Tourney Tie

The second match in the Triangular Rugby Tournament will be held on the Army ground at Sookumpoo this afternoon, when a re-organised Army side meets the Royal Navy, who are fielding the same team as last week, with the exception of the inclusion of Lt. Ogle, in the pack.

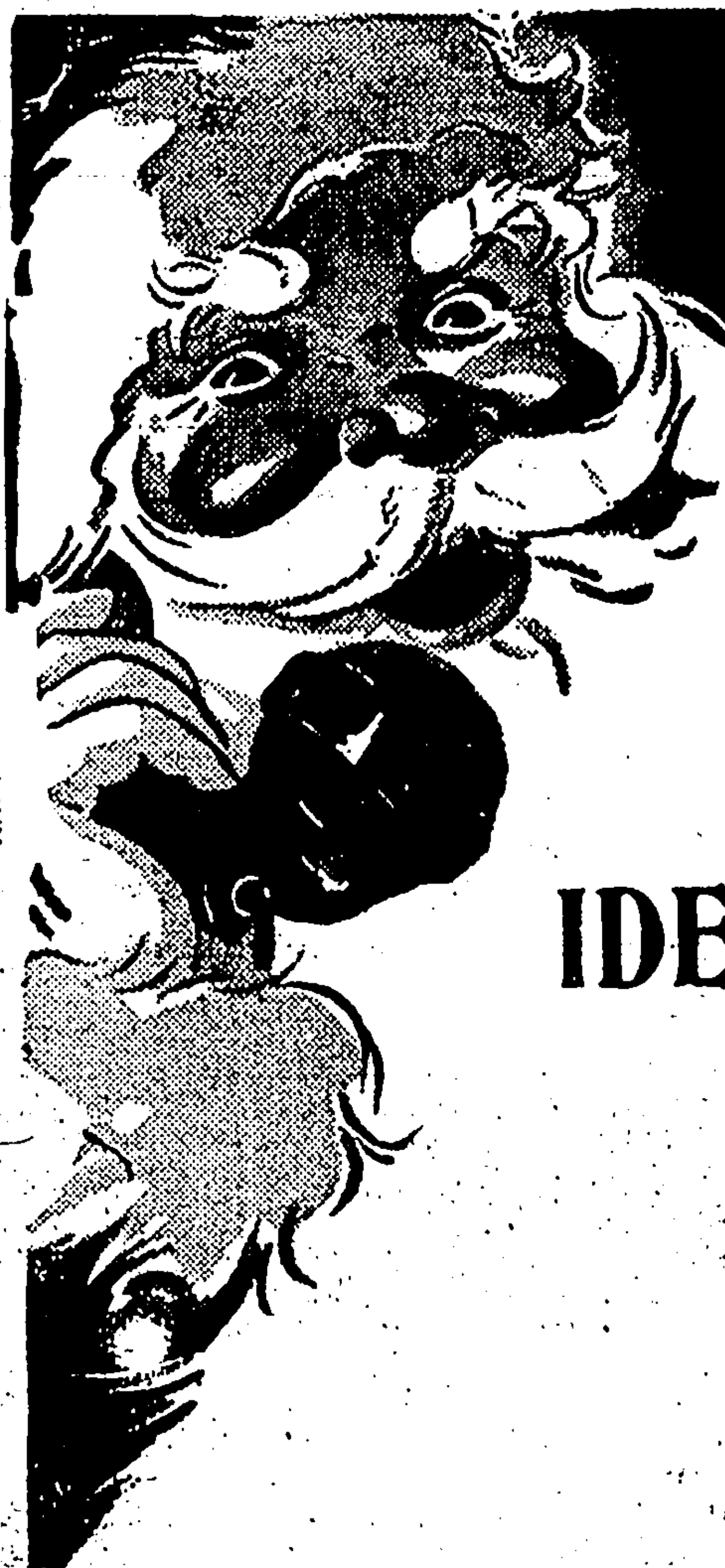
Navy should win quite comfortably and if on form should compile a record score against Army, who have not yet played the same side twice this season.

Army: A. N. Other; 2/Lt. Jhiverrall (Middlesex), Lt. Gudgeon (Middlesex), Spr. Waite (R.E.) and Pte. Ferguson (Middlesex); L/Sergt. Lang (R.A.O.C.) and Pte. Lead (R.A.O.C.); Pte. Richardson (R. Scots), Spr. Pike (R.E.), 2/Lt. Cuthbertson (R. Scots); Gnr. Evans (5th A.A. Bde. R.A.), Spr. Appley (R.E.); L/Sergt. Page (5th A.A. Bde. R.A.), Lt. Crawford (R.C. Signals) and Pte. Berry (Middlesex).

Royal Navy: A. B. Hunt (Eagle); Lieut. Walters (Medway); Lieut. Skelton (Medway), P. O. Askwith (Dainty), Lieut. (E.) Lewis (Birmingham); Lieut. Elliot (Capt.) (Eagle); Lieut. Talbot (Medway); A. B. Thatcher (Eagle); Mr. Witherdon (Duncan); Ldg. Sea, Romans (Eagle), Sub-Lt. (A) Hain (Eagle); Lieut. Darling (Medway); Lieut. Ogle (Medway); Lieut. Manners (Birmingham); Lieut. Anderson (Medway).

Prior to the Triangular Tournament game, there will be a match commencing at 2.45 p.m. between Club "A" and a Navy side.

Club "A": J. T. Brown; D. I. Bosanquet, D. Hynes, G. S. Wilson, C. J. Powell; J. Hutchison, R. Rutherford; R. G. L. Oliphant, J. S. Dunnett (Captain), K. H. G. White, E. A. Bompas, E. W. Stout, A. G. Dalziel, T. H. Pratt and H. W. E. Heath.



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12.30 p.m.—Songs by Raymond Newell (Baritone).
Follow Me 'Ome—A Barrack-Room Ballad (R. Kipling—Ward-Higgs).
Mandalay (R. Kipling—Willeby).
...with Orchestra.

12.40 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra.
Cavalcade of Martial Songs (arr. Nicholls)...with vocal chorus by George Baker.
Ballad Memories...with vocal chorus.
Jubilee Dance Memories.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Mills Brothers and Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
Twilight in Turkey—Fox-Trot; The Toy Trumpet—Fox-Trot...Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
Long About Midnight (Mills, Eill)...The Mills Brothers with a Guitar.

After You've Gone—Fox-Trot; Some Of These Days—Fox-Trot...Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
Shoe Shine Boy (Chaplin, Cahn); Rhythm Saved The World (Chaplin, Cahn)...The Mills Brothers with a Guitar.
I've Got A Wonderful Feeling—Fox-Trot; Swing, Swing, Swing, Daughter Swing—Fox-Trot...Nat Gonella & His Georgians.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Sydney Gustard, Oliver Wakefield, Jessie Matthews and Orchestra Mascotte.
Cinema Organ—Teddy Bears' Picnic (Bratton); Grasshoppers' Dance (Bucelossi)...Sydney Gustard.
Vocal—Dancing On The Ceiling (film 'Evergreen'); Just By Your Example (film 'Evergreen')...Jessie Matthews (Soprano) with Orch.

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Vocal—Everything's In Rhythm With My Heart (from 'First a Girl'); The Little Silkworm (from 'First a Girl')...Jessie Matthews with Orchestra.
Cinema Organ—Hermann Lohr Medley...Sydney Gustard.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Beethoven—Quartet In E Flat Major, Op. 127. Played by the Busch Quartet.

6.40 p.m.—Schubert Songs.
The Rosebud; Hark! Hark! The Lark Serenade...Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Piano.
Der Doppelgänger...Alexander Kipnis (Bass) with Piano accomp. by Frank Bibb.

6.52 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.54 p.m.—Debroy Somers Band.
Tannhäuser—Rhythmic Paraphrase (Wagner—arr. Lange); June—Rhythmic Paraphrase (Tchaikowsky—arr. Lange); Irving Berlin Waltz Songs—Medley (Berlin)...with vocal chorus by Dan Donovan.
Dixieland—Selection...with vocal chorus by Dan Donovan.

7.15 p.m.—Hildegard, Josephine Baker, John Henry & Blossom, The Hill Billies and Teddy Foster's Kings of Swing.
Dance Orch.—The Rhythm's O.K. In Harlem—Fox-Trot...Teddy Foster & His Kings of Swing with vocal refrain by Teddy Foster.

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Vocal—The Hobo's Spring Song (The Hill Billies); When The Moon Hangs High (Bullock & Wenrich)...The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accomp.

Vocal—The Loveliness of You (film 'You Can't Have Everything'); Afraid To Dream (film 'You Can't Have Everything')...Josephine Baker with Orchestra.

Dance Orch.—It Happened Down In Dixieland—Fox-Trot; Pagan Love Song—Fox-Trot...Teddy Foster & His Kings of Swing with vocal refrain by Teddy Foster.

Humorous—The Stocking (Henry & Reeve)...John Henry & "Blossom".

Vocal—Covered Wagon Lullaby (Freeman & Leonard)...The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accomp.

Vocal—Yours And Mine (film 'Broadway Melody of 1938'); I'm Feelin' Like A Million (film 'Broadway Melody of 1938')...Hildegard with Orchestra.

Dance Orch.—Pennies From Heaven (from the film); The Skeleton In The Cupboard—Fox-Trot (film 'Pennies From Heaven')...Teddy Foster & His Kings of Swing with vocal refrain by Teddy Foster.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Two Songs by Norman Allin (Bass).

The Midnight Review (Clinka)...with Orchestra.

Edward (Corder & Loews)...with Piano.

8.10 p.m.—London Relay—'London Log'.

8.20 p.m.—London Relay—'Paul Temple And The Front Page Men'. A serial thriller by Francis Durbridge. Episode 7: 'Herr Von Zeltan'. Characters: Paul Temple, 'Steve', Carol Forbes, Gerald Mitchell, Andrew Brightman, Jed Ware, Swan Williams, Jimmy Mills, Lina, Sir Graham Forbes, Inspector Reid, Inspector Hunter, Mrs. Taylor, Sergeant Leopold, Rev. Charles Hargreaves.

Selections From "Carmen": Variety

Mr. Goldie, a clerk. Production by Martyn C. Webster.

8.45 p.m.—Bizet—Ballet Suite—Jeux D'Enfants, Op. 22. Played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

9.04 p.m.—Selections from Bizet's "Carmen".

Prelude to Act 1; Entr'acte, Act 4...Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

See here, thy flow'et...Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) and Members of La Scala Orchestra, Milan, cond. by Franco Ghione.

Speak to me of my Mother; I might, perhaps, have been of a false fiend the prey...F. Hedy (Soprano) and F. Anseau (Tenor) with Orchestra cond. by Piero Coppola.
Toreador's Song...Riccardo Stracchiari, A. Appoloni, E. Ticozzi and Chorus with Orchestra.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.

(a) Marcellita; (b) Clavel del Aire; (c) Peanut Vendor; (d) Marcial.

10.05 p.m.—Interval of recorded music from Z.B.W.

10.10 p.m.—(a) Believe Me; (b) After you've gone; (c) Love is a merry-go-round; (d) So you left me for a leader of a Swing Band.

10.25 p.m.—Interval of recorded music from Z.B.W.

10.35 p.m.—(a) Who are we to say; (b) Sweet Sue; (c) A serenade to the Stars; (d) Ti-Pi-Tin.

10.50 p.m.—Interval of recorded music from Z.B.W.

11 p.m.—(a) Merry Widow; (b) Broken Life; (c) Over the Waves; (d) The Skaters Waltz.

11.15 p.m.—Interval of recorded music from Z.B.W.

11.20 p.m.—(a) My Own; (b) On Moon-light Bay; (c) You're as pretty as a picture; (d) Boo-Hoo.

11.35 p.m.—Interval of recorded music from Z.B.W.

11.45 p.m.—(a) Hawaii Calls; (b) A-Tisket, A-Tasket; (c) Goodnight Angel; (d) Goodnight Ladies.

12 midnight.—Close down.

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Mr. Rau

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Mr. Rau's correct opening bid was one spade, his choice of one club instead being an example of complicated bidding. The Queen

of diamonds was opened, and Mr. Rau stayed off in both hands. The Jack was continued and Mr. Rau won with the King. He next played the King and Mr. Rau ducked in dummy. A third diamond lead forced out dummy's Ace, and now Mr. Rau had a choice between the simple play of the Ace of clubs, which would give him the rest of the club tricks provided the clubs were divided. However, he decided this was not the case and led a low club. East won with the Queen and underled his Ace of hearts in an effort to get his partner in. However, Mr. Rau hopped right up with the King, ran the rest of his club suit and the Ace-King of spades to make his game contract.

It is worthy of note that if Mr. Rau had taken the King of clubs with the Ace, East would have won the second club lead with the Queen, knocked out dummy's Ace of diamonds, and now, while Mr. Rau would have lost but one club trick, the club would have been blocked and he would have been unable to make his contract. The complicated play had worked for once.

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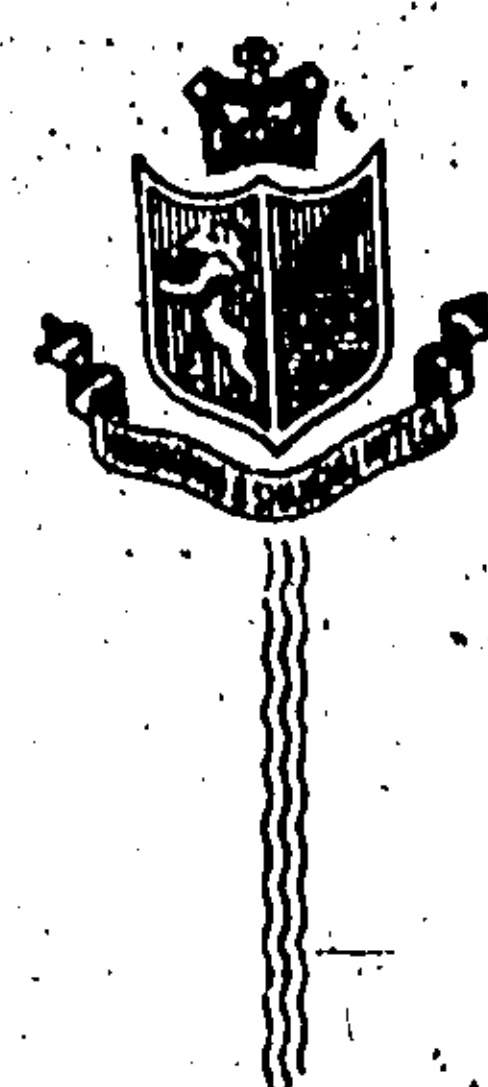
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GRAND DUKE DENIES GERMAN INTRIGUE STORY

Paris, To-day.

Grand Duke Vladimir, pretender to the Throne of Russia, has issued an emphatic denial of the report that Hitler was to persuade him to become the Fuehrer of the Ukraine.

The Grand Duke declared: "I am astonished to see my name connected with the question of negotiations concerning the Ukraine."

"It is true I am going to Germany but only to stay for Christmas and the New Year with my sister at Amorbach."

NEVER ASKED

Another statement issued on his behalf denies that the visit is in any way political.

The statement says that the Grand Duke has never been asked, directly or indirectly, to lend his name to a political act aimed at dismemberment of the Russian Empire.

The Grand Duke, the statement concludes, would never approve plans of this nature. — Reuter.

AMERICA'S LOAN DEALINGS WITH CHINA

Washington, To-day.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation yesterday announced that the Export and Import Bank had authorised a credit of U.S.\$25,000,000 (£5,000,000) to the Universal Trading Corporation for the purchase of American farm goods and manufactures for China.

The loan, which is guaranteed by the Central Bank of China, will mature in five years.

A large part of the loan will be devoted to the purchase of gasoline and motor-trucks, according to members of the Chinese mission to the United States.

DISBURSED AS NEEDED

Mr. Jesse Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, said that the proceeds of the loan would be used for financing the exportation of United States agricultural and manufactured products to China and for the importation of wood oil from China.


Referring to the loan, Mr. Jones said that funds would be disbursed as needed.

He added that of the U.S.\$50,000,000 loan authorisation to China,

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Jerusalem, To-day.

British troops, supported by aircraft, carried out extensive search operations in Samaria yesterday. Five villages were surrounded and combed and a number of suspects detained. One British soldier was killed and four injured when a land mine exploded under a British military truck near Nablus.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

In a talk with ex-King Alfonso's secretary over the continental telephone, Reuter asked: "Will the King return to Spain should he receive confirmation of the Burgos decree?"

"Of course, but he hasn't been asked yet," was the reply.—Reuter.

made in 1934, only \$17,104,000 had been used. Total actual disbursements to China for loans since 1931 had been \$27,051,000, of which \$14,420,000 had been repaid with the remainder being paid as matured.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

As if inspiredly explaining the Tientsin situation, the Japanese newspaper "Shanghai Nippo" declared yesterday: "As the opportune time has not yet arrived, and as the provisional government has not enough power to solve the problem of the foreign Settlements in Tientsin, the authorities have decided to liquidate the Settlements gradually by effective application of regulations already adopted to control foreign exchange funds, by evacuating Japanese and by sundry other means to lessen the prosperity of the Settlements."—Reuter.

London, To-day.

An address was delivered by Lord Baldwin yesterday in which he stressed the integrity and courage, both physical and moral, of the late Chancellor of the Exchequer, when a bronze bust of the late Viscount Snowden was unveiled at the Treasury. — Reuter.

Athens, To-day.

The police state that they have arrested 46 Communists in Athens. They add that a large number of Communist propaganda leaflets and printing machines were seized.—Reuter.

Rome, To-day.

Seven were killed when an Italian military plane crashed near Rimini yesterday.—Reuter.



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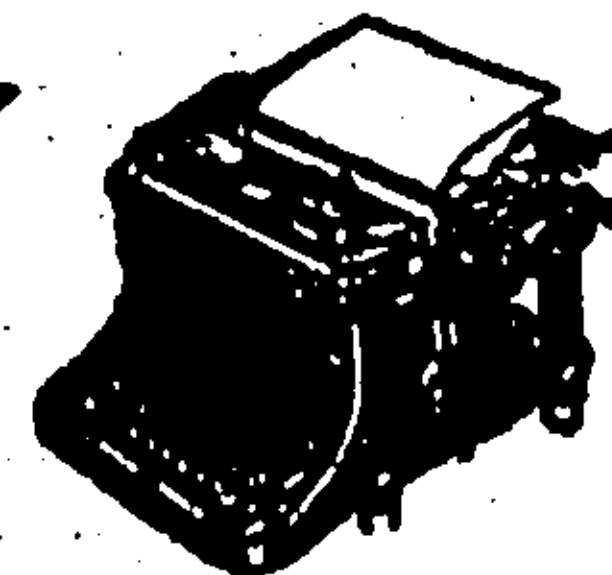
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